



**You are loved.
You have a unique purpose on Earth.
You have a God mission.
You are God's child.
You are never alone.**

Easter 2021



**LIVING STATIONS OF THE
CROSS**

ST. MARY 2021

The 8th graders of St. Mary want to offer the community an opportunity to enter into the last hours of the life of Jesus. The Stations of the Cross are a beautiful tradition of our faith that help us to feel what happened during these last hours. We have put a modern spin on this tradition with the acting out of each station and interactive reflections. We have chosen meditations, prayers and poses during this service to help us dive deep.

HOLY THURSDAY

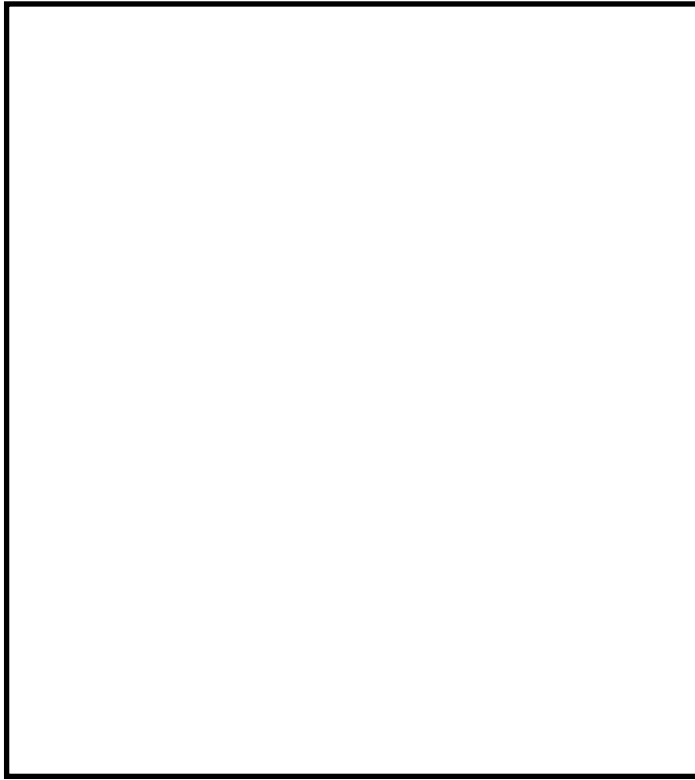
2021

1ST STATION
JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

Let us Pray:

Sometimes we accuse others of things they did not do. We make a great effort to make them look bad. We look for the bad in others rather than the good. We think that by tearing someone else down that we will feel better about ourselves. This leads us to feeling lonely. We only want to feel loved, but we get confused along the way. Amen.

Draw or write about a time when you were accused of something you didn't do.

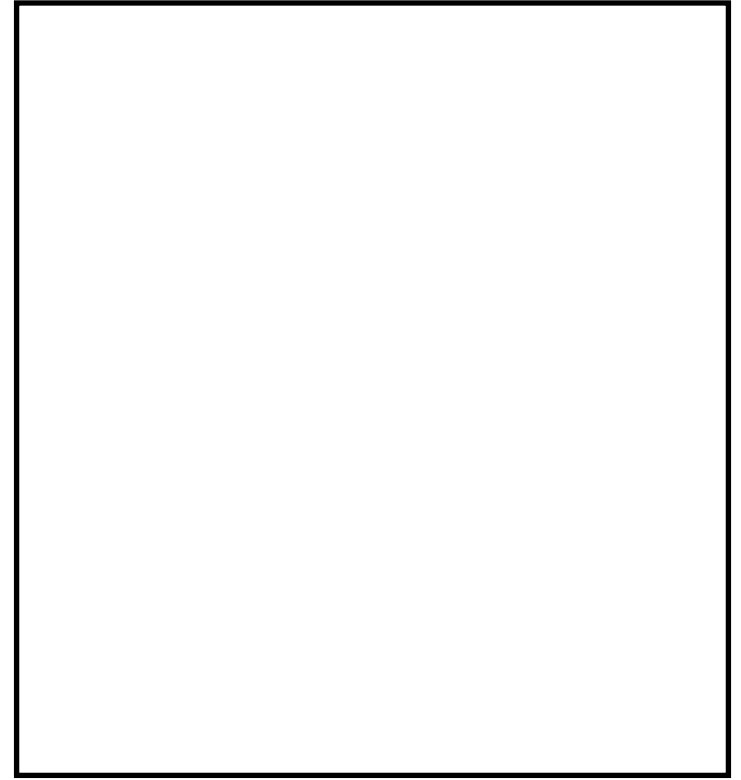


14TH STATION
JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Let us Pray:

Jesus, I want to find the light in the darkness and be excited about the future. I need you to guide me through tough times. Help everyone who is struggling during this pandemic. It will be hard, but help me to see that it will be okay in the end. Amen.

Draw or write about something positive that happened to you during the pandemic.



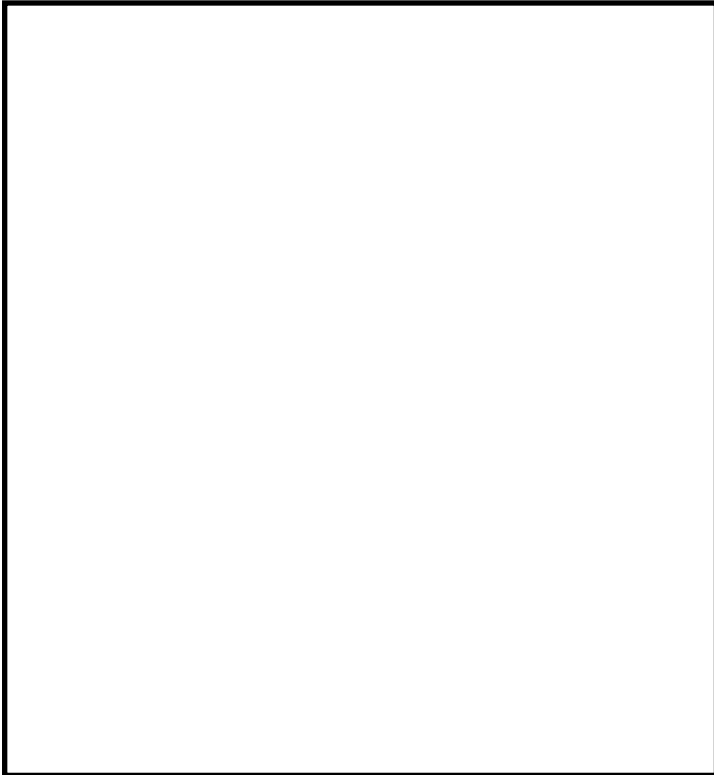
13TH STATION
JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE
CROSS

Let us Pray:

Jesus, help us to be like Joseph when others are in times of need. Help us to take others down from their crosses of suffering and bring peace and love to them.

Let us clean them with forgiveness and anoint them with kindness. Thank you for the gift of mercy and help us to do your work each day. Amen.

Write or draw about a time when you were mad at God.

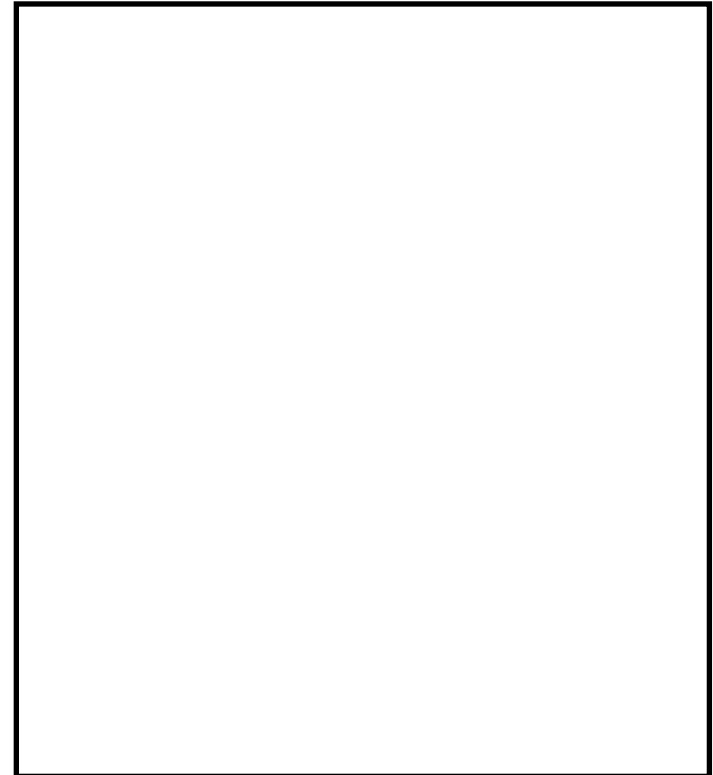


2ND STATION
JESUS ACCEPTS THE CROSS

Let us Pray:

Jesus, help me to remember that you are always with me. Even in times when I am made fun of to my face or behind my back, I know you are protecting me. Help everyone get through rough times now and in the future. Help me to be strong and to never forget that you are always holding me. Amen.

Draw or write about a time when you were scared to do something.




3RD STATION
JESUS FALLS FOR THE FIRST TIME

Let us Pray:

Jesus, help us to have the courage to get through difficult situations. Help us to remember you are always with us and that we aren't ever alone. Give us the courage to take on tough situations just like you did. Amen.

Draw or write about a time when you had an injury.

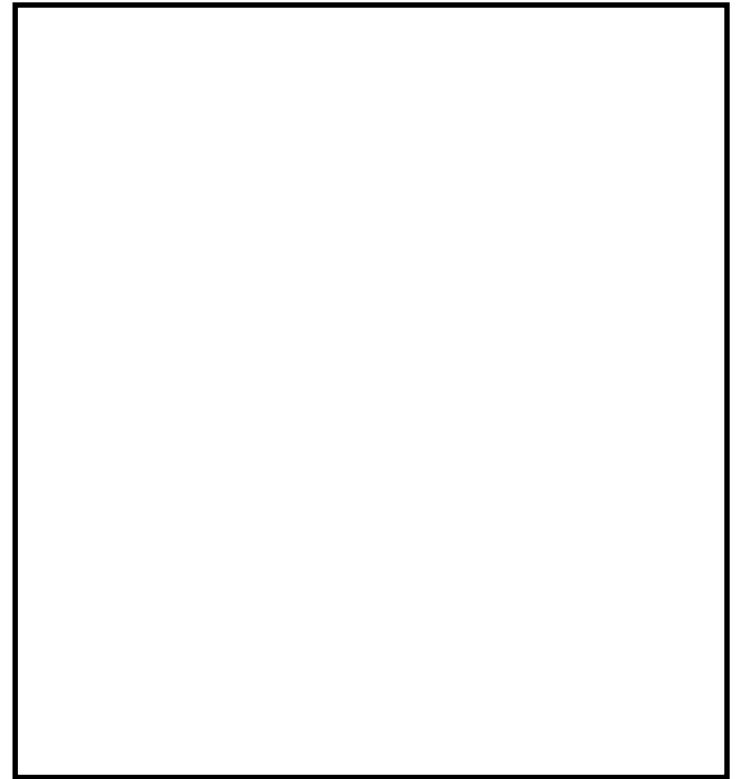


12TH STATION
JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Let us Pray:

Jesus, when things go wrong, help me to stand by you in times of darkness and in times of light. Let me always remember the sacrifice that you made. I want to be your presence on earth today. Amen.

Draw or write about something you would tell a friend when they were feeling sad.

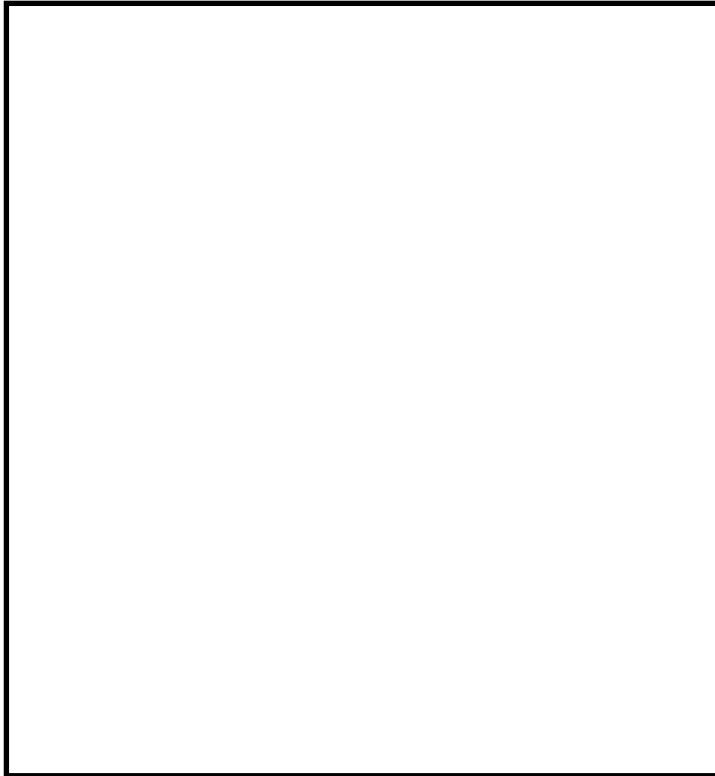


11TH STATION
JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Let us Pray:

Jesus, I know you never gave up even in the darkest of times. Help me to always put God first and follow in your footsteps. I will continue to trust in you to do what is best for me. Amen.

Draw or write about a time when you were playing with someone and hoped it would never end.

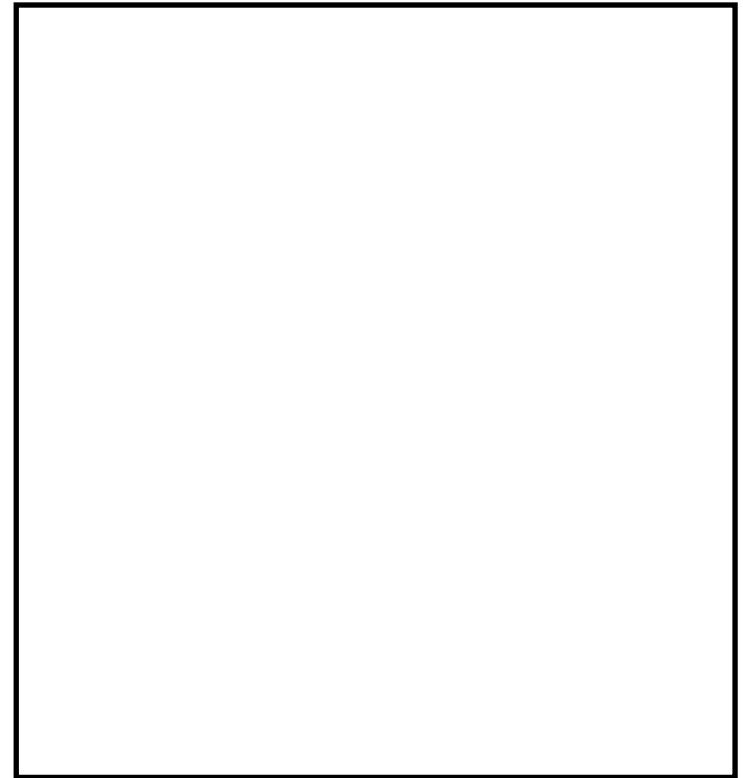


4TH STATION
JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

Let us Pray:

Jesus, we know that life can be hard at times. Help us to overcome our fears, seek help from our family and friends, and remind us that you are always there for us. Amen.

Draw or write about a time when a friend or family member cheered you up.



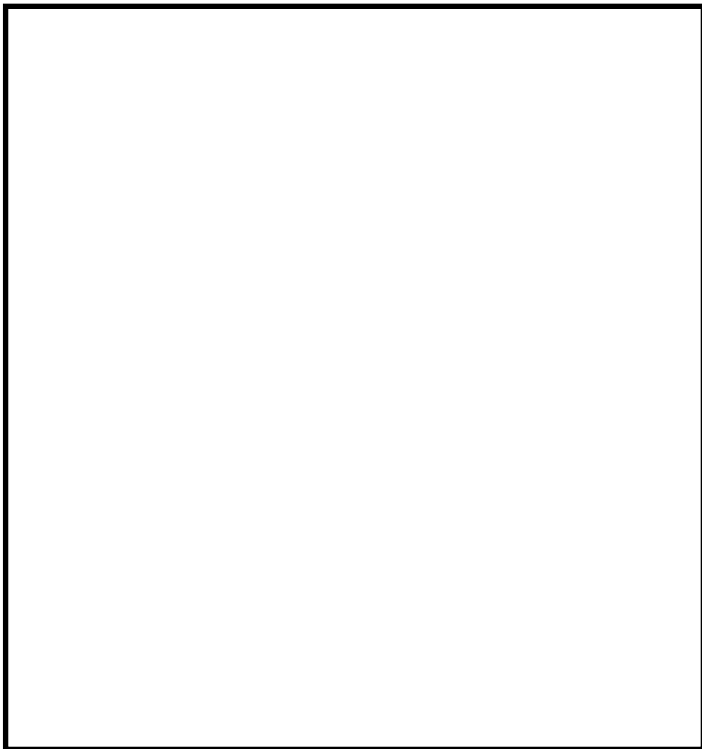
5TH STATION

SIMON HELPS JESUS CARRY THE
CROSS

Let us Pray:

Jesus was weak and tired from carrying the cross. Simon of Cyrene was pulled from the crowd by the guards to help Jesus finish the journey to the end. Jesus, help me to give my time and energy to others. When I'm doing good deeds, I know you are proud of me. Help me to have the courage to help people who are struggling and need hope. Amen.

Draw or write about a time when you went out of your way to comfort someone without being asked to do so.



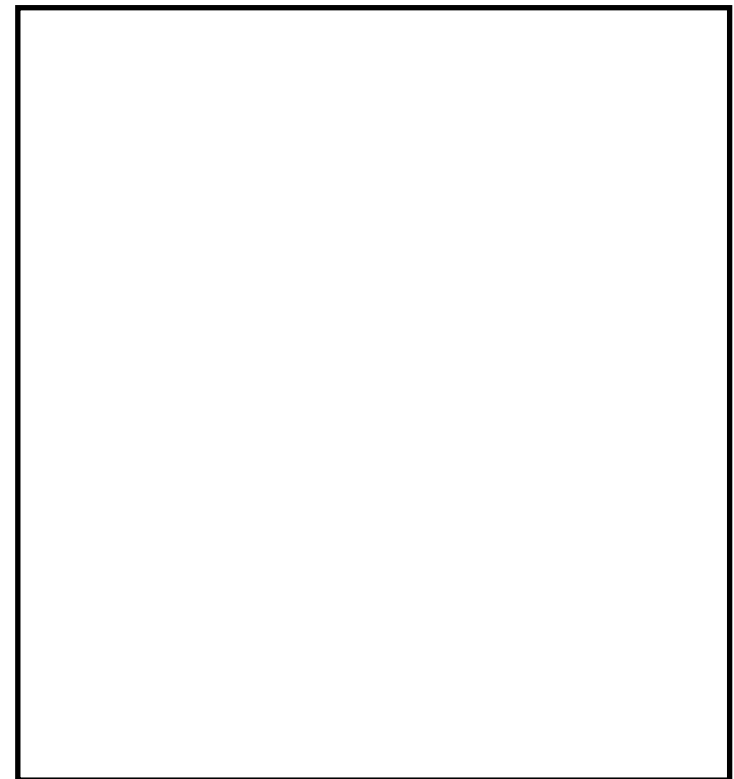
10TH STATION

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS
CLOTHES

Let us Pray:

Jesus, help me learn from my mistakes. When I am embarrassed, give me the confidence to do the right thing, especially when it comes to others safety. Guide me to do what is right, even when it is hard. Amen

Draw or write about a time when you felt embarrassed.



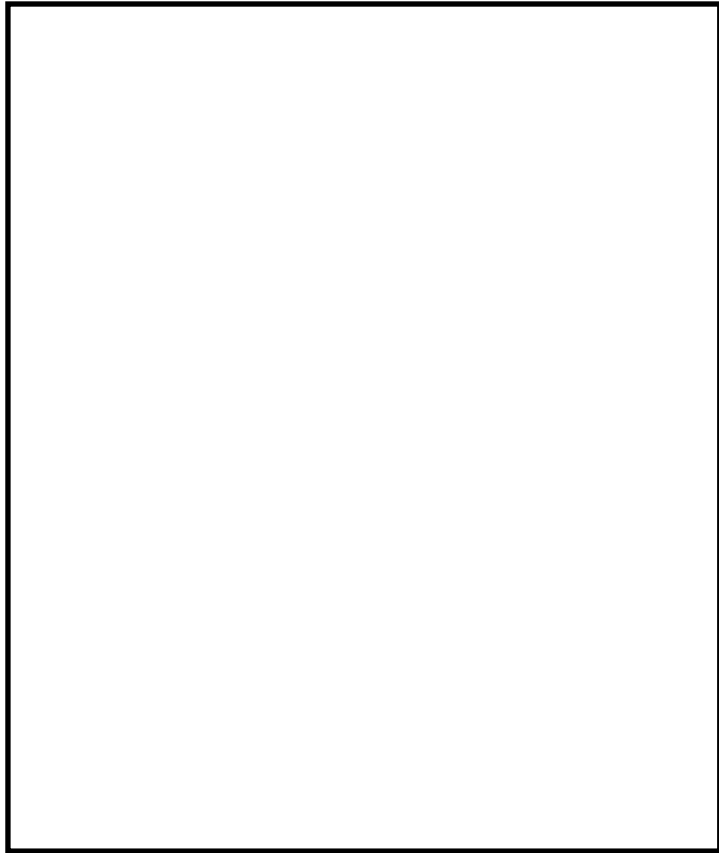
9TH STATION

JESUS FALLS FOR THE THIRD TIME

Let us Pray:

Jesus, help me to keep faith and find peace during the uncertainty of these times. Let me stand with you instead of stumbling into darkness. Help me to trust that you will never let me go. Amen.

Draw or write about a time when you felt very close to God.



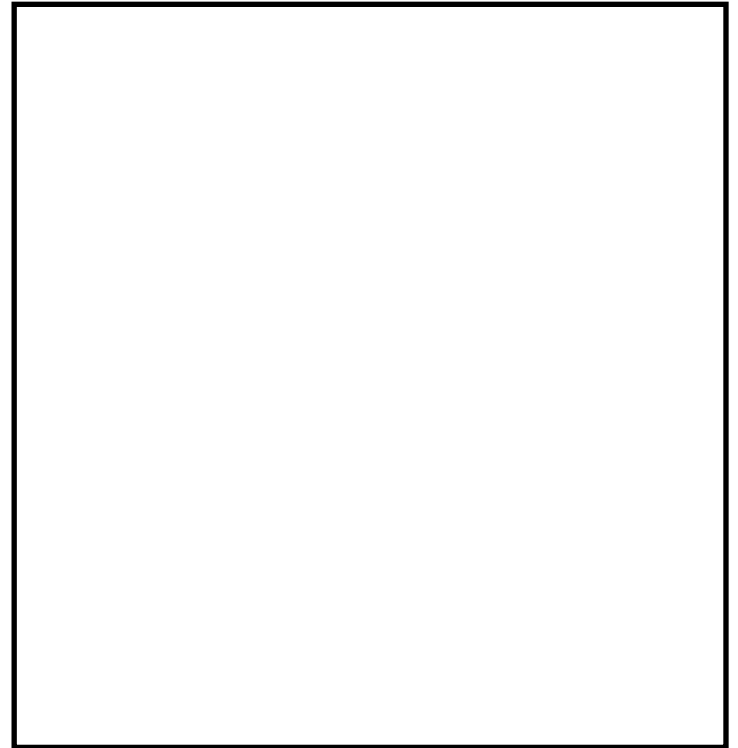
6TH STATION

VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF
JESUS

Let us Pray:

Jesus, help me to find the courage to help others. I know I can do this by paying attention to how they feel and by listening to them. I trust that you will bring people in front of me who may need a boost. I also trust you will bring people to me who can help me when I am struggling. Amen.

Draw or write about a person who makes you feel special.

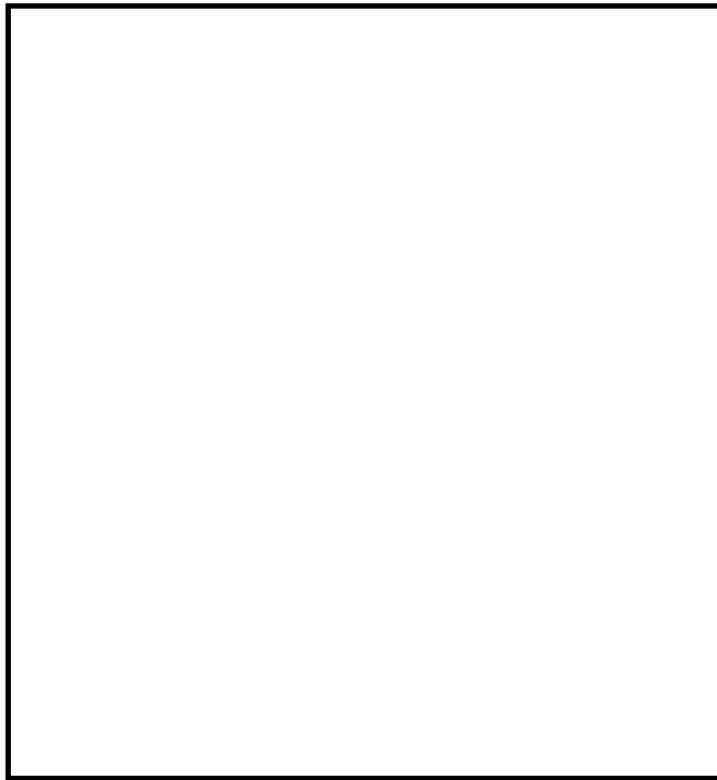


7TH STATION
JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME

Let us Pray:

Jesus, there have been times when I have fallen, and I didn't get back up. Help and guide me to live in your image, and always try a second time. I need to learn to be able to deal with problems like you did. Help me to forgive others who may put me down, and to love everyone as if they were you. Amen.

Draw or write about a time when you prayed for someone who was going through a hard time.



8TH STATION
JESUS MEETS THE WEeping WOMEN
OF JERUSALEM

Let us Pray:

Jesus, help me to rely on you in these dark times. Give me the strength that you had when you were comforted by the women, your friends, who stayed with you the whole time. Please help me to care for others as you care for me. Thank you for letting me lean on you every time that I need it. Amen.

Draw or write about a time you lost something that was important to you. Did you find it?

