



Journey with the Cross

Mini Vinnies' Stations of the Cross

Stations 7-9: Dignity



Priority

This Lent, help us Make Poverty a Priority.

Seventh Station: Jesus falls for the second time

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

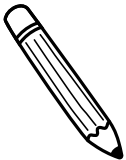
All: Because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Each step for Jesus must have been so difficult because of the pain he was suffering, so we are not surprised that he fell again under the weight of the heavy cross.

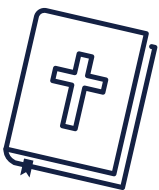
Sometimes when we try very hard at things we need to do, we might feel sad if we keep making mistakes, but Jesus reminds us that with his love and strength in us, we can get up and try again. The people we help at the SVP might need our help more than once as they experience life's challenges.



Lord, help us to bring your love and strength to all those in need so that they can be encouraged to keep going and know that they are not on their own.



What could we do for someone who is feeling down to show them that they are special in God's eyes?



Jeremiah 29:11 (ICB)

"I say this because I know what I have planned for you," says the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future."

Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

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Even during his own pain and suffering, Jesus was able to comfort his followers. He stopped to tell the women who were weeping not to worry about him, but to worry about their children and the future of society. Their tears were for Jesus in that moment, but he wanted to make sure that they stayed faithful to his teachings beyond that moment as they too would suffer later on.



Lord, we are saddened to know all the pain and suffering you went through for us, but we know even today, with so much suffering in the world, how important the message is that you shared with those women, to always care for others and be kind.



How can we show Jesus today that we are following in his footsteps and caring for others?



Ephesians 4:32

“Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ.”

Ninth Station: Jesus falls for the third time and is stripped of his clothes

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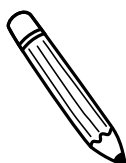
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Jesus' tiredness and pain took over once more as he fell for the third time, but he got up once again and kept on going, still holding on to his father's love. As the soldiers shouted at him to get up, everything human was taken away from him, even his clothes.

We know that any kind of suffering we go through, especially if people make fun of us, Jesus has gone before us and experienced it too, so we should not feel ashamed or embarrassed.



Lord, sometimes we hurt other people's feelings with our words and actions. We ask for your help and gentle reminder each day to be more considerate of other people's feelings.

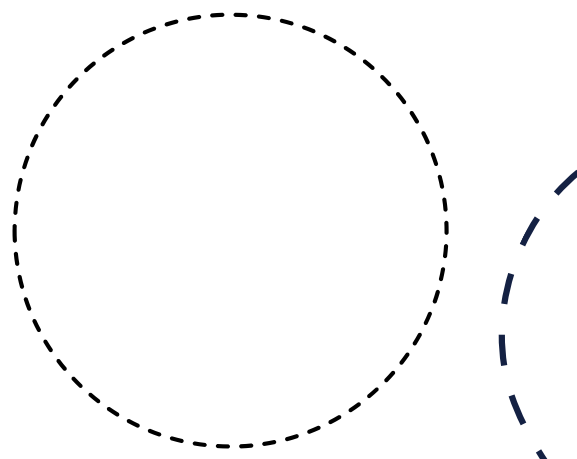


What's one way we can make sure that bullying doesn't happen in our school/parish?



Matthew 25: 40 (ICB)

"Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth. Anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.'"



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