



# Journey with the Cross

## Mini Vinnies' Stations of the Cross

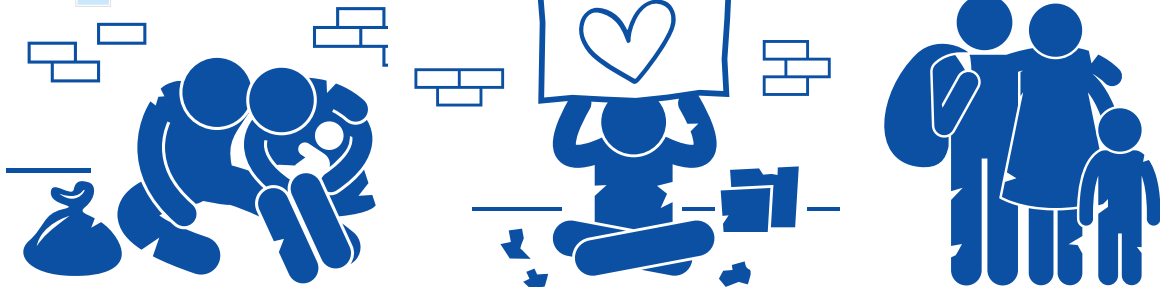
Stations 10-12: Transformation & Hope



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# Priority

This Lent, help us Make Poverty a Priority.

# Tenth Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

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

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

The soldiers drove nails through Jesus' hands and feet as he was stretched out in pain on the cross. They lifted up the cross and put it in place. Even in all that pain and knowing he was going to die, Jesus' never complained, but prayed to God repeatedly: "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."

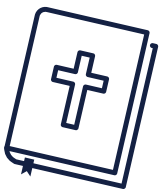
Those who are suffering in our communities and around the world today might feel like their pain will never end, whether they are sick, homeless, hungry or in any other difficult situations.



Lord, may those who are suffering see you in the middle of the pain, just like you were with your son, Jesus, on the cross. May they find healing and support from those around them.



In the silence of your heart, think about a place in the world where people are experiencing difficulties at this time. Invite Jesus to sit with you for a moment and ask for peace in that place. It is by God's love that people's lives can be transformed.



## **Psalm 27:1 (ICB)**

"The Lord is my light and the one who saves me. So why should I fear anyone? The Lord protects my life. So why should I be afraid?"

# Eleven Station: Jesus dies on the cross

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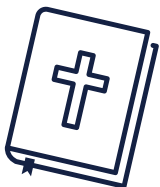
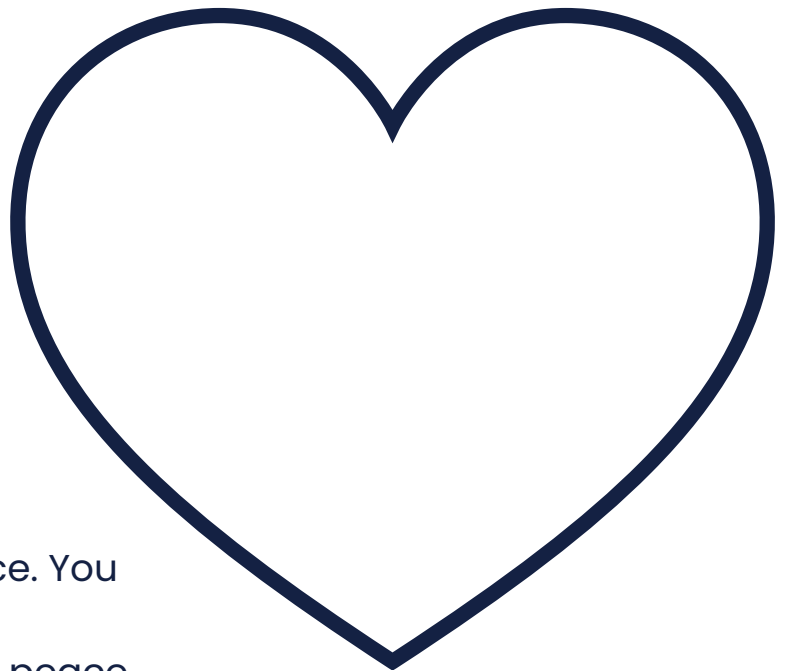
Even in the final moments of his life, Jesus' eyes and heart were fixed on his father in heaven. He didn't plead to be let down, or ask to be saved by those watching, but trusted in God's plan for him, saying: "Father, I give up my spirit into your hands." When Jesus died, the sky went dark and the ground shook. Those watching knew that they had made a mistake.



In the silence of our hearts we look at your cross, Lord, and thank you for what you did for us. We raise up our crosses to you in this moment to be transformed by your love. We know you are in everything we do, even when we make mistakes. Wrap those who are sick and dying today in your love, giving them the peace and courage on this journey with you by their side.



How can we show God that we love Him? Write your ideas in the heart.



## **Isaiah 26:3**

"You, Lord, give true peace. You give peace to those who depend on you. You give peace to those who trust you."

## Twelfth Station:

# Jesus is taken down from the cross and is laid in the tomb

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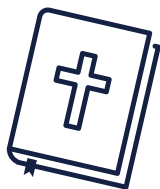
It was Joseph of Arimathea who bravely asked Pilate to give him Jesus so that he could bury him in his own tomb. Although he was at risk himself, his love and compassion was greater, and he was able to perform this final act for Jesus. To the rest of the world that day, Jesus had died and was buried, and had gone for ever. For us, the cross still stands before us as a symbol of our faith in Jesus Christ.



Lord, you plant hope in our hearts that the power of your love is what will bring you back to us from the tomb.

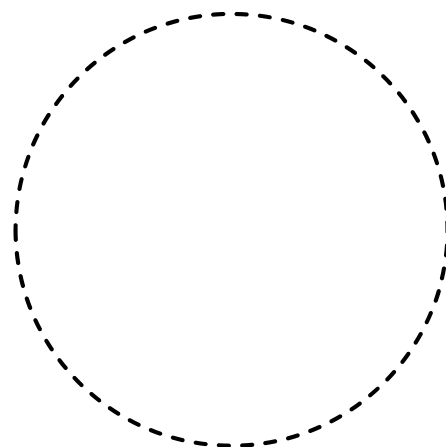


This Lent we have an opportunity to help transform situations in our world and communities and the tomb reminds us of this. Jesus has shown us that love can transform all. What action of love could your group take to transform the lives of an individual or group today?



### **Romans 12:2 (ICB)**

“Do not be shaped by this world. Instead, be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you. And you will be able to know what is good and pleasing to God and what is perfect.”



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