

Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

Jesus is stretched out on the cross, big nails driven into his hands and feet. Beyond the physical pain must be the mental anguish having been abandoned by the people he loved and served.

Do you recall as a child hurting others? Ganging up with friends against another causing them hurt and pain? Did you say hurtful things to brothers or sisters? What if they believed everything we called them?

As adult, do we still discriminate against others? Judging others because of their colour, intelligence, income level, name, religious or political affiliation? Have we forgotten that we are to live as a brother or sister to all people? Harsh words come easy when speaking to children or vulnerable family members. It is so easy find something that isn't very important; yet make it the focus of criticism.

While the crowds failed to see the pain in Jesus, may this station help us to see the hurt and pain we have caused in others. Ask Jesus for the help to make amends for the harm we have done.

May we have the strength through this station to seek the penance for the anguish we have caused others and the courage to reach out to them for forgiveness. Our personal shame will be far less than the agony of cruel nails that pierced the tender hands and feet of Jesus and tore his flesh while being fixed to the cross.