

Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the cross

As Jesus hung on the cross, he forgave the soldiers who had crucified him, and prayed for his mother and friends. Jesus wanted all of us to be able to live forever with God.

Sacrificing yourself for another is easy to say but how easy to do?

Have you been wronged, your pride hurt? Have your tormenters tried to make amends but you rebuffed them? Like an angry wound growing with puss and infection, the need to cleanse that physical wound is no different than to need to cleanse a mental wound. If you continue to hold a grudge or hatred against someone who wronged you then it is you who is still suffering.

You need to find the strength of this station to recognize that your pain while perhaps severe will only continue until you find the strength to forgive. Reach out as Jesus did, to the soldiers who crucified him. Release any vile in your heart and with the grace of God, live in peace. In that way you will be fulfilling the desire of Jesus who died in order that we could live forever with the peace of God.

My Jesus, three hours didst Thou hang in agony, and then die for me. Help me to recognize my sin so I can change, seek forgiveness and live for love and faithful service.