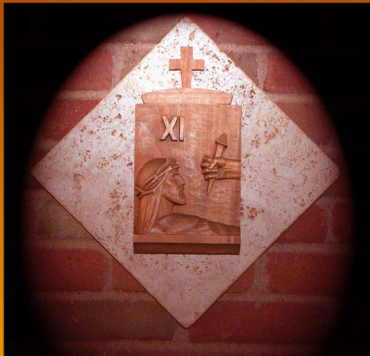


# The 11th Station:

## Jesus is Nailed to the Cross



Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Lk 23: 34

### Forgiveness

Deadly spikes are driven into living flesh. Jesus does not resist. In unimaginable compassion he surrenders and forgives. This is no mere human being. This is Jesus, Lord of the universe. We can reflect on the mystery of his unconditional love enacted in all of creation when it gives and sustains our life by sacrificing its own. Jesus, the cosmic Christ can forgive even the death we deal through our waste, pollution and greed.

Jesus, Lord of the universe, make me compassionate and forgiving to all who injure me. But I pray also, for a reverence of your creative love at work in the universe. May the forgiving love you showed to your executioners, inspire us to stop abusing the gifts of your creation to glorify our human ego and gratify worldly desires. Amen.