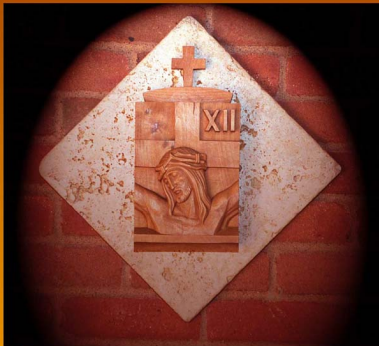


The 12th Station:

Jesus Dies on the Cross



"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. Lk 23, 46

Surrender

This, the final moment in Jesus' life, turns out to be less a culmination or climax than a simple resting and a coming home. We contemplate the gentle goodness of a son who now trustingly rests the fruit of a lifetime of labor in the welcoming arms of his loving Father.

Jesus, Gentle Savior, I reverence you in the surrender of your life to God's will. Deep within, when I am quiet and still, there wells up an urge, a prayer to one day reach the same selfless unity and rest with God our Creator. Lead me. Teach me. I do not know how to surrender peacefully and with finality. Grace me and all your people at the moment of death. Amen.