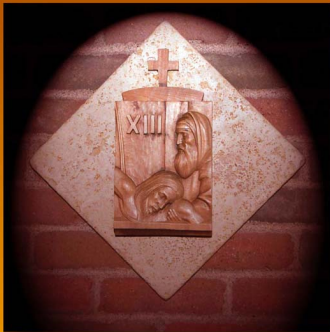


The 13th Station:

Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross



After this, Joseph ... asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. Jn 19, 38

Grief

The lifeless body of the Savior is gently lowered from the cross. The hearts of those who loved him are nearly broken in agony and wrenching emptiness. No human language has words to describe the grief of those who shared his life and now reverently behold his body in death.

Jesus, I honor you in your death. Bless in a special way all your people who mourn. Comfort young children torn by death from a parent. Raise up in your love the broken hearts of parents who lose a child. Give courage and rest to all who are crushed by grief at the death of a spouse, a best friend or loved one. Jesus, in every adversity, give us trust and lasting hope. Amen.