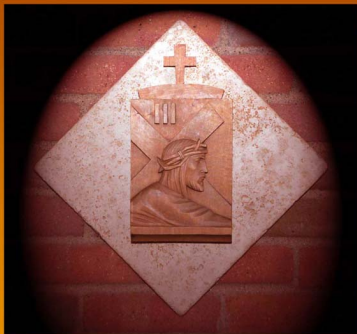


The 3rd Station:

Jesus Falls the First Time



"If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first." Jn 15,18

Generosity

Weakened by the ill treatment of the soldiers, the humiliation of a jeering crowd, and the sheer weight of the cross, Jesus collapses in the street. Only the assurance that his action has value in God's sight gives him strength to rise and again offer his life in unselfish generosity.

Lord Jesus, I honor you in your passion. I praise you for your loving surrender to God's will. Nothing I can do can ever repay you. Give me your generosity that, I too, may offer my life to the Father one step at a time. And when I fall, let me not be lost in impatience and weakness, but lift me up again to follow you. Amen.