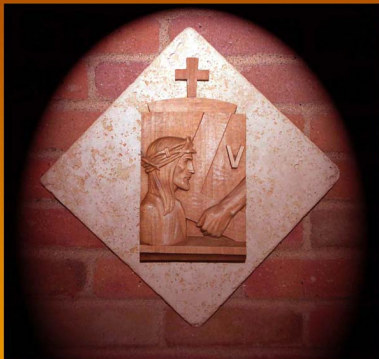


The 5th Station:

Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry His Cross



... they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross. Mt. 27:32

Providence

Not even the smallest detail is insignificant in God's plan. How could Simon have imagined that by coming into the city at that precise moment, he would be blessed with the opportunity to minister to the suffering Savior? Even his reluctance cannot hinder God's loving purpose.

Jesus, still today wherever there is suffering, you are there struggling under the weight of the cross. In your providence direct my steps toward the needy, the suffering or the sick. As you did for Simon, bless my reluctance, too. Help me to overcome my fears. Show me that every time I lift a helping hand, I minister to you, my suffering Savior. Amen.