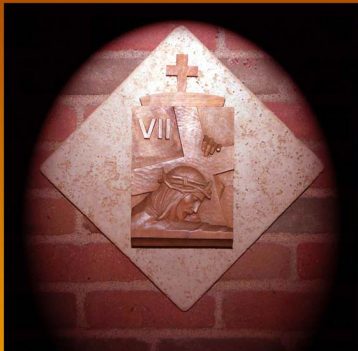


The 7th Station:

Jesus Falls the Second Time



Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth. Is 53, 7

Endurance

The way is treacherous. We contemplate Jesus as he weakens under the weight of his cross. He stumbles and falls a second time. What is the source of his heroic endurance, to suffer such humiliation and defeat, yet to rise again and continue the work the Father had given him to do?

Jesus, Gentle Savior, I pray for endurance. When I stumble and fall short in my duties and responsibilities, let me endure the pain and disappointments. Lift me up to follow you again with new strength. I ask you today for the renewed hope and abundant grace that will see me through all adversity. Give me in rich measure the assurance of your enduring love. Amen.