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**Meditation**

*The noonday sun burns down on Golgotha. Nails are pounded through Jesus' wrists. Ropes quickly pull the crosspiece up into place. More nails pierce Jesus, now through his feet. The cross is in place, bearing Love.*

**Prayer**

Jesus, is this really what love looks like?

That's not what the world tells me. The world outside tells me that love is about happy feelings, romance and pleasure. As you hang on the cross, surrounded by people mocking you, gambling for your clothes, giving you vinegar when you say you are thirsty, it changes the way I think about love.

I see you suffering on the cross, suffering so much that you cry out to the Father. I also see you are suffering for one reason only: you love us. You want to pour out forgiveness of sins and open the doors to eternal life—for us. So you accepted this cup of suffering, out of love. Help me see love in this cross. Help me see how much I need this love. Teach me, through your cross, how to love as you have loved. Teach me that true love is what I have been made for.

*No one has greater love than this,  
To lay down one's life for one's friends.*

(John 15:13)