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The streets of Jerusalem are narrow and winding. Crowds have gathered to watch Jesus make his way to the place of crucifixion. Under the weight of the cross and pressed by the crowds, Jesus stumbles and falls.

Meditation

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Prayer

Jesus, the cross you carry is not just made of wood. It is made of the sadness of the world's sin and all its consequences in human suffering. That is a heavy burden to carry, and under its weight, you fall.

Sin brings me down to the ground, too. I may think I can handle it at first, but after a while, I find that my lies or my casual cruelty or my closed heart is making it hard for me to walk upright. I fall.

I see you fall under all the weight, but I also see that you refuse to let the heaviness of the world's sin keep you down. You rise and keep walking out of love. Help me to rise, too, and find the path of love once again.

No one has greater love than this,

To lay down one's life for one's friends.

(John 15:13)