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Jesus



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**Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face**

**Meditation**

*After Jesus was arrested, the guards put a crown of thorns on his head. The long, sharp thorns pierced the skin on his scalp and drew blood. Now hours later, the blood, sweat and filth have covered Jesus' face. Veronica reaches out in love.*

**Prayer**

Jesus, I must admit that suffering frightens me. I don't mean just the idea of my own suffering, but it's the suffering of others that I find difficult to face.

I don't like to see people I love in pain. When someone I know endures great suffering, it is hard to know what to say or do. Sometimes when I'm faced with that kind of suffering, I just want to go far away until it's all over. Sometimes people are changed by illness or the pains of age or grief. It's hard to recognize them under the scars of their pain.

I see Veronica reaching out to you. Others are frightened off by your suffering. Some don't know what to do or say. Veronica sees through the blood and the dirt. She does a simple thing. She cleans your face. Help me reach out as Veronica did and not be overcome by my fear. Help me be strengthened by love to recognize your face in the suffering of others.

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

(John 15:13)