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Ninth Station

Jesus Falls the Third Time

Once, twice, and now for the third time Jesus falls to the ground. He must have been extremely weak to lose his balance so often. It was only his faith in God that kept him going. In the Garden of Gethsemane he had prayed, "Father, let this pass from me, but your will, not mine, be done" (Luke 22:42). Now the soldiers forced Jesus up again and pushed him on his way.

(Recite the following with one knee on the floor.)

If we had been there, Jesus, you would not have fallen again. We would have held you up and supported you in every way we could. We would have picked up the cross ourselves.

But we weren't there. We are only here now, remembering.

TIME TO THINK AND PRAY

Would I have helped carry the cross with the others? What if it had fallen on me and hurt me? *Here and now*, what do I do when someone old or sick could use my help?

Jesus, teach me how to follow you.