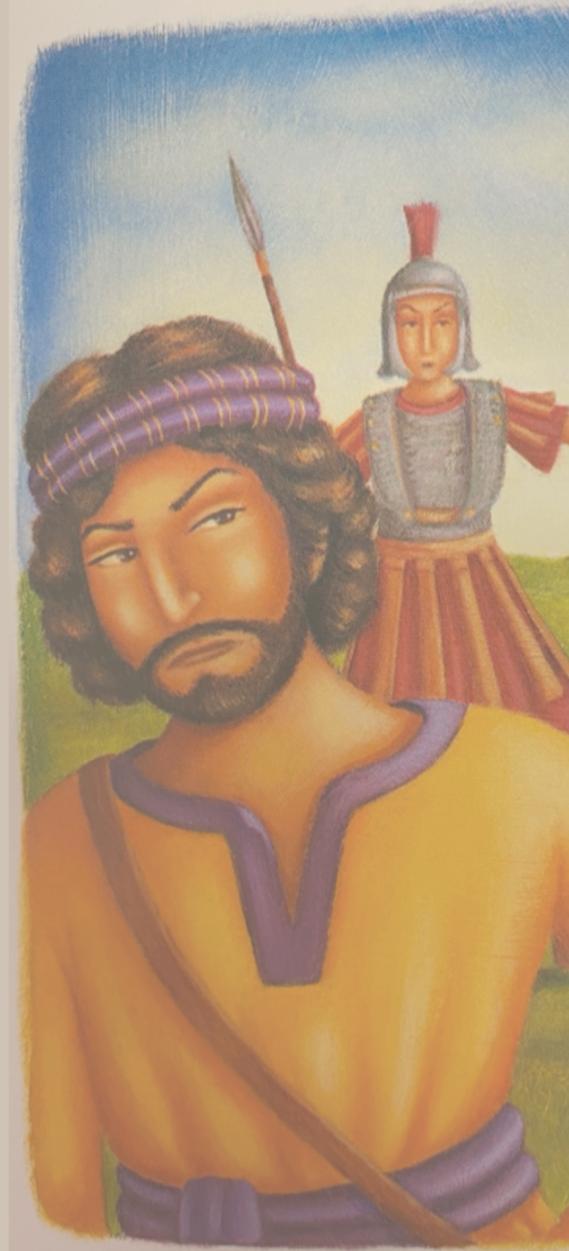


Five: Simon of Cyrene helps  
carry the cross

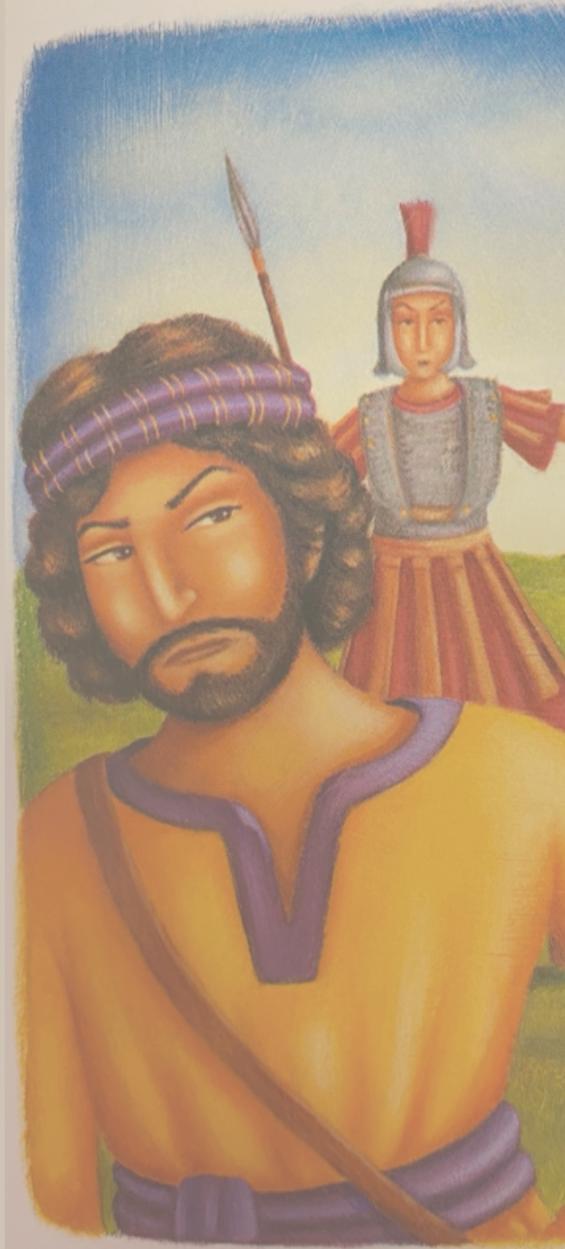
Jesus struggled once again with the cross. The guard grew impatient with his slowness. They saw a strongly built man coming in from the country, Simon of Cyrene.

‘Here, you carry the cross for the wretched prisoner,’ the soldiers commanded. So Simon did.



*Dear God,  
Thank you for those whom we do  
not know who help us with their  
greater strength when we are in  
need.*

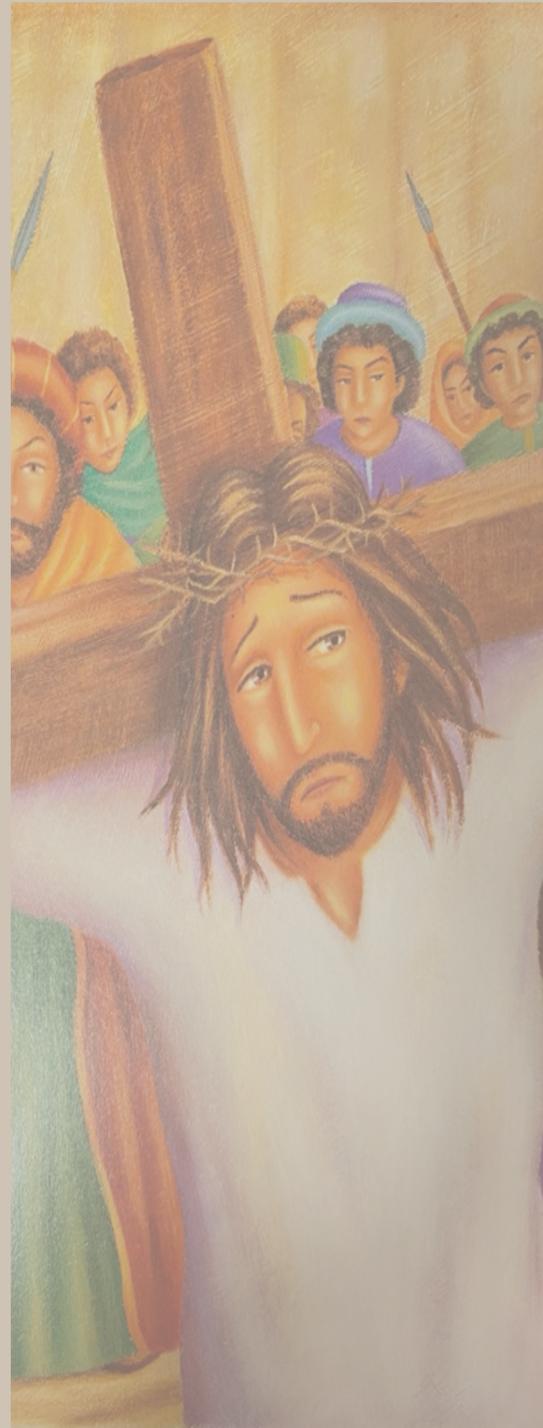
*Amen*



## Six: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

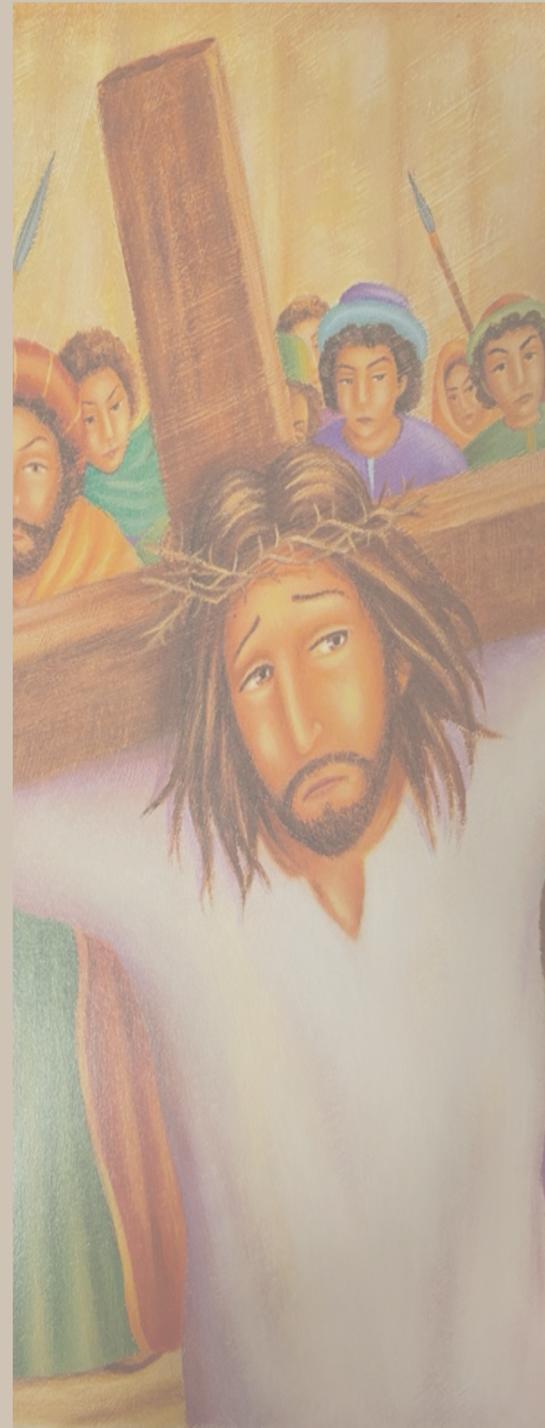
Jesus could barely see the way ahead. Tears clouded his eyes. He tried to wipe them, but only smeared them with the dust from his hands.

Then a woman stepped forward and gently she wiped his face with a cloth.



*Dear God,  
We thank you for those who see  
the little ways in which to give  
help and support.*

*Amen*

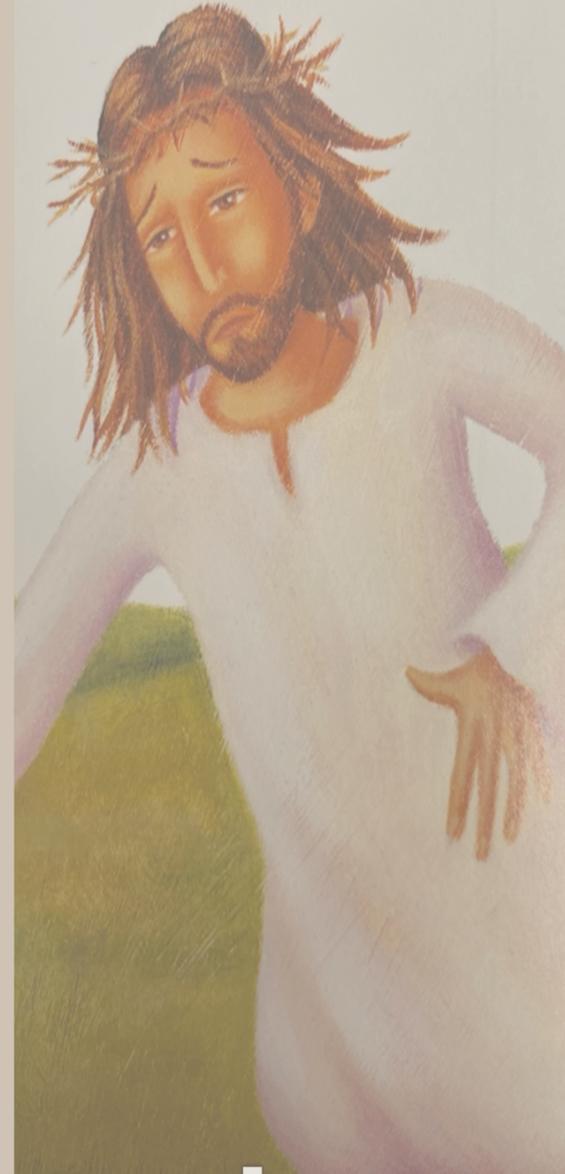


## Seven: Jesus falls the second time

The guard urged Jesus forward,  
for his sentence to be carried out  
without delay.

But who could walk calmly to  
the place where there will be pain  
and punishment?

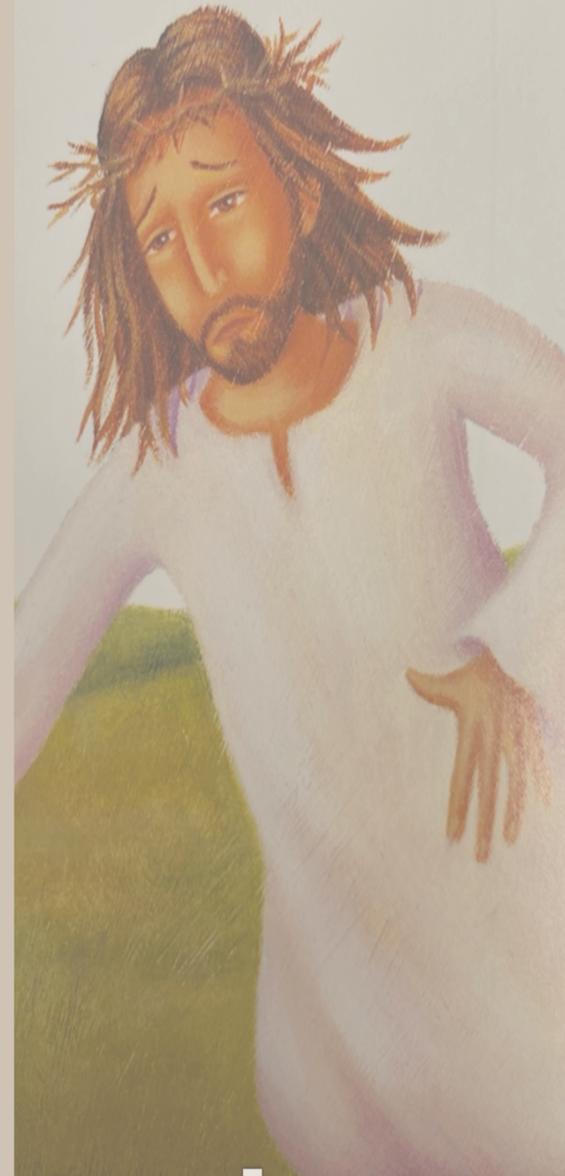
Once again Jesus fell.



Dear God,  
I try to follow Jesus  
but sometimes I grow fearful and  
discouraged.

Help me to trust  
that in your care  
all things will work together  
for the good.

Amen



## Eight: The women of Jerusalem mourn for Jesus

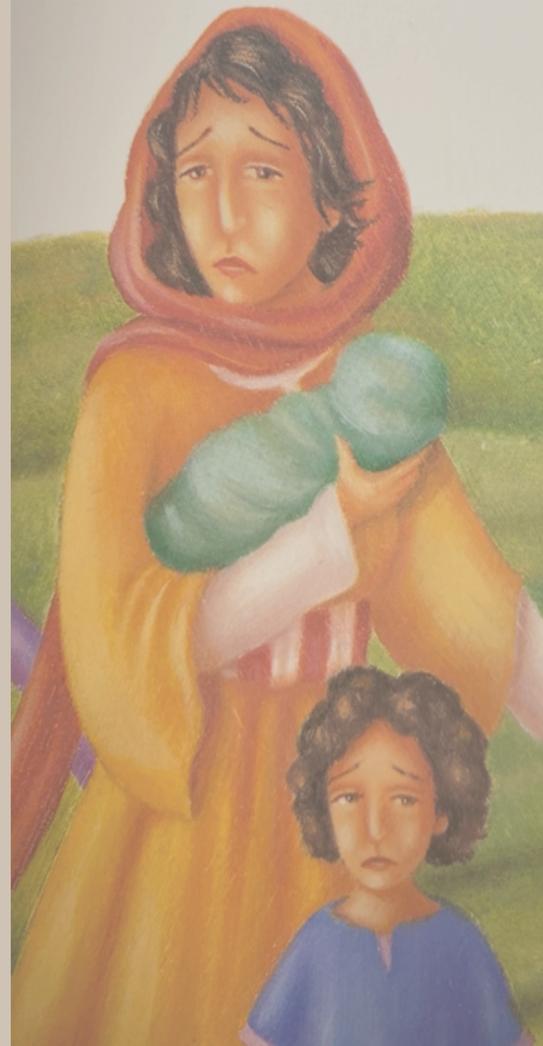
A group of women wept to see  
Jesus so cruelly treated.

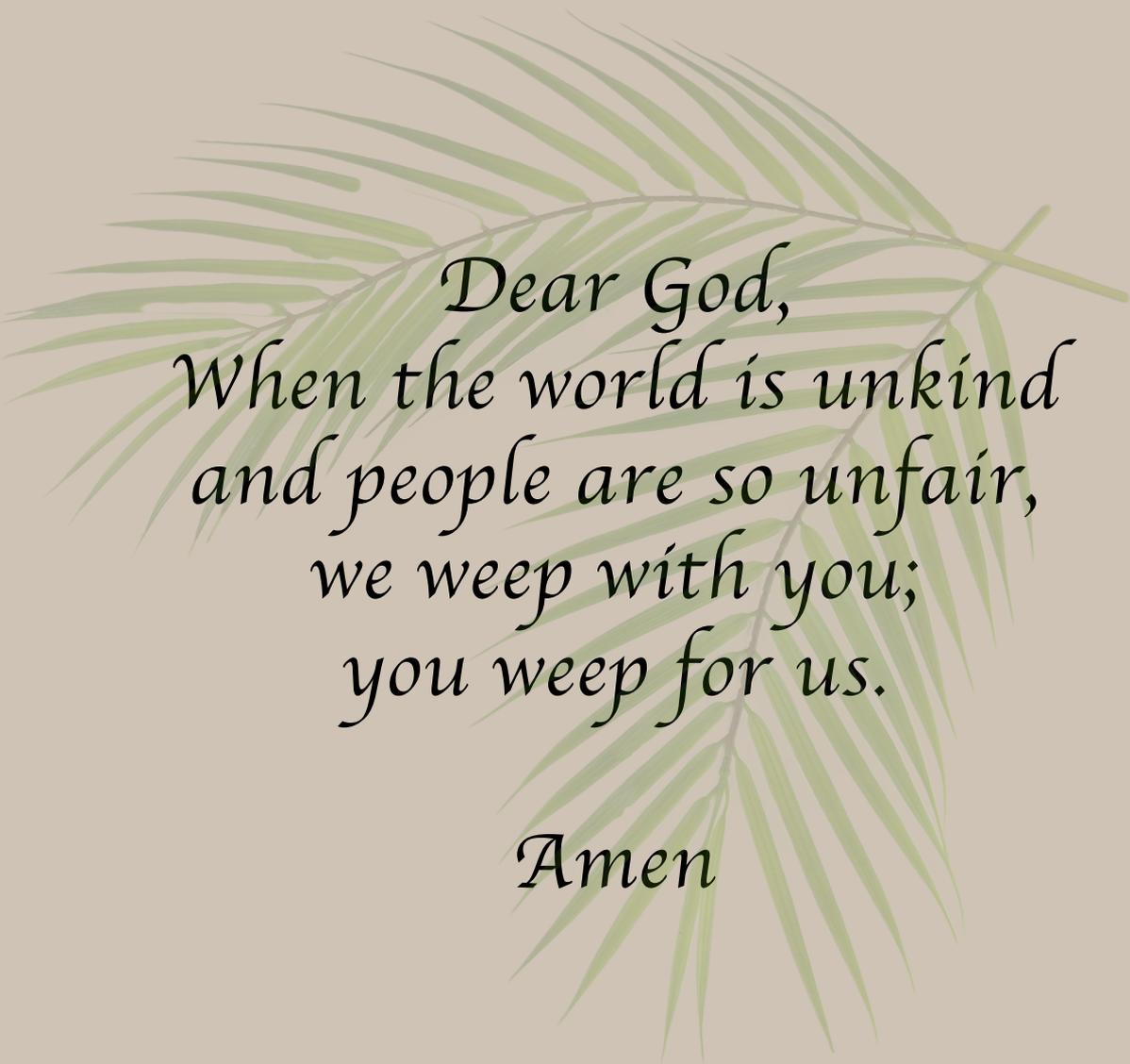
‘He has done nothing wrong,’  
they cried. ‘What is happening is  
neither right nor fair.’

Jesus looked at them sadly.

‘Do not weep for me,’ he said.

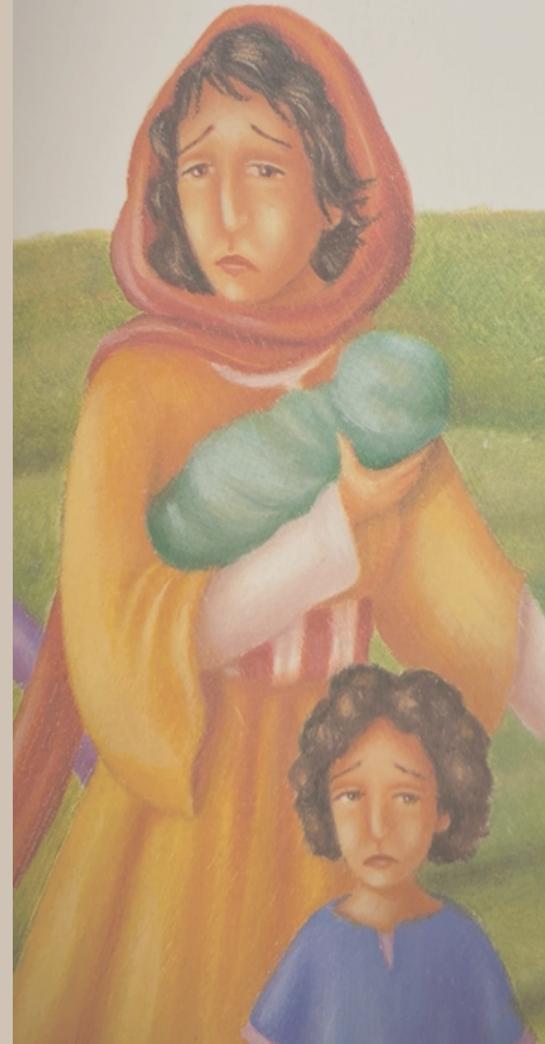
‘Weep for yourselves and for  
your children who have to go on  
living in these troubled times.’





*Dear God,  
When the world is unkind  
and people are so unfair,  
we weep with you;  
you weep for us.*

*Amen*



*The people in charge did not believe Jesus was God.*

*In those days, you could be killed for saying you were God.*

*They made Jesus wear a crown of thorns and carry a wooden cross.*

*Then they nailed Jesus to the cross and he died.*

*Jesus' body was put in a tomb, a bit like a cave.*

*They rolled a heavy stone in front of it and guarded the tomb.*

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*Jesus was seen by over 500 people.*

*One of his friends wasn't sure if it was him until Jesus showed his hands.*

*There were the marks where the soldiers had nailed him to the cross.*

*Jesus was alive again!*