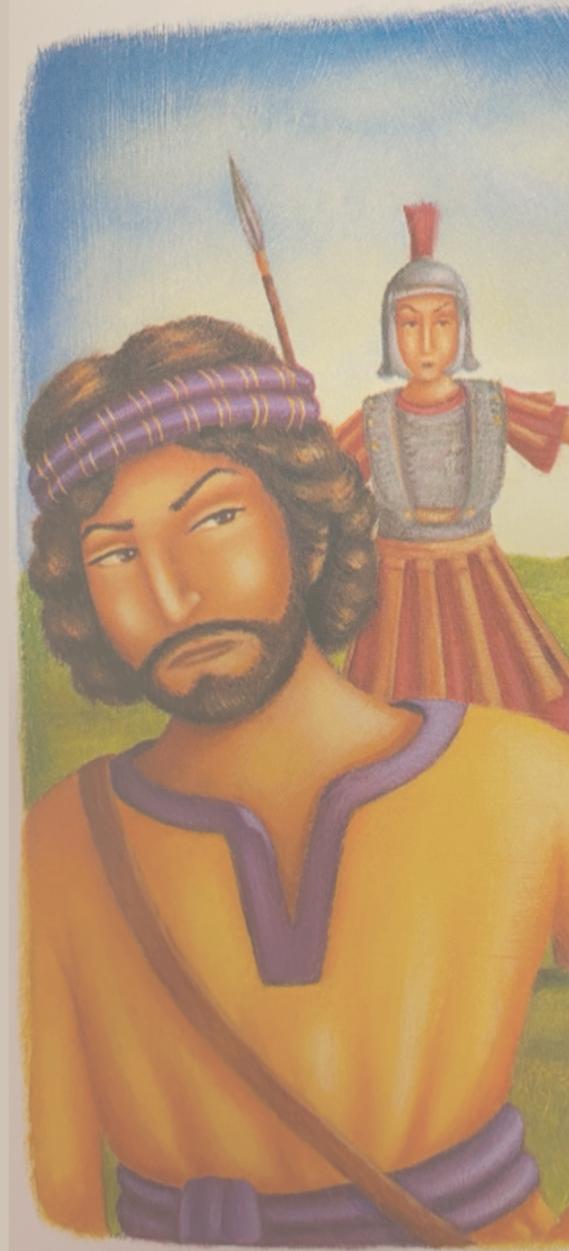


Five: Simon of Cyrene helps
carry the cross

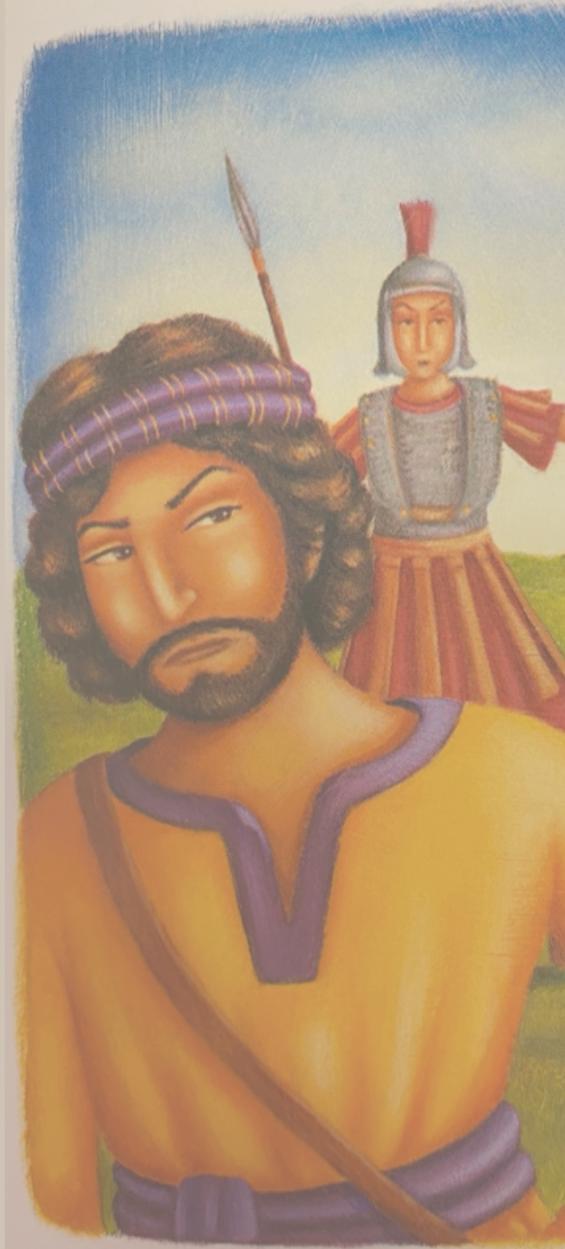
Jesus struggled once again with the cross. The guard grew impatient with his slowness. They saw a strongly built man coming in from the country, Simon of Cyrene.

‘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.*

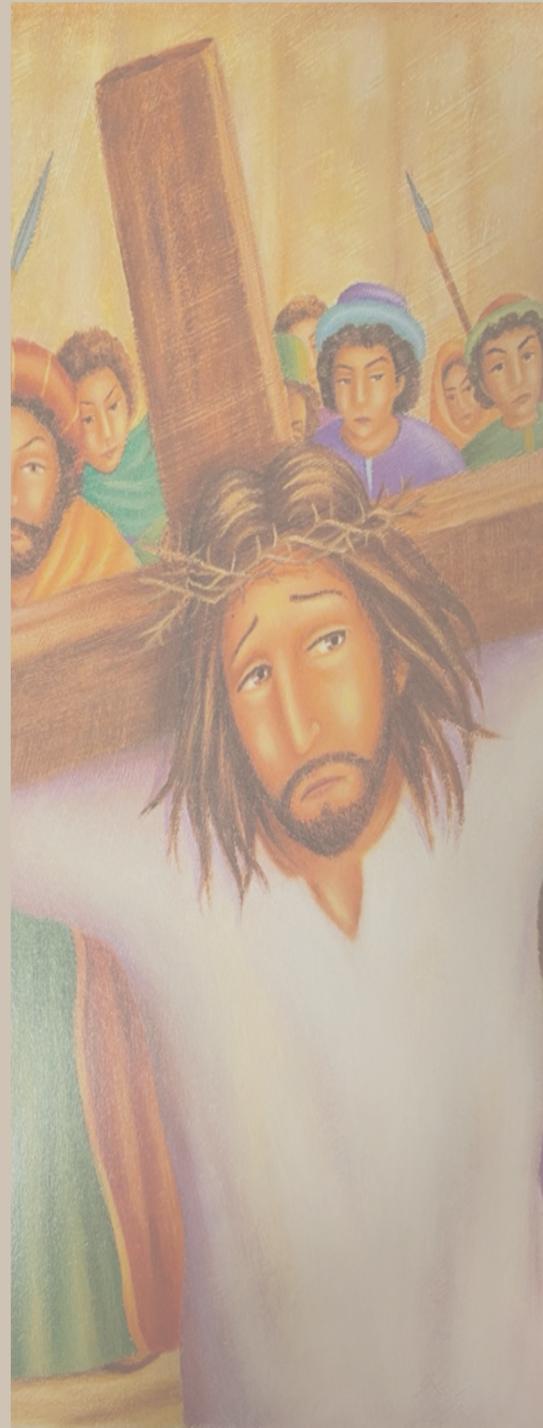
Amen



Six: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

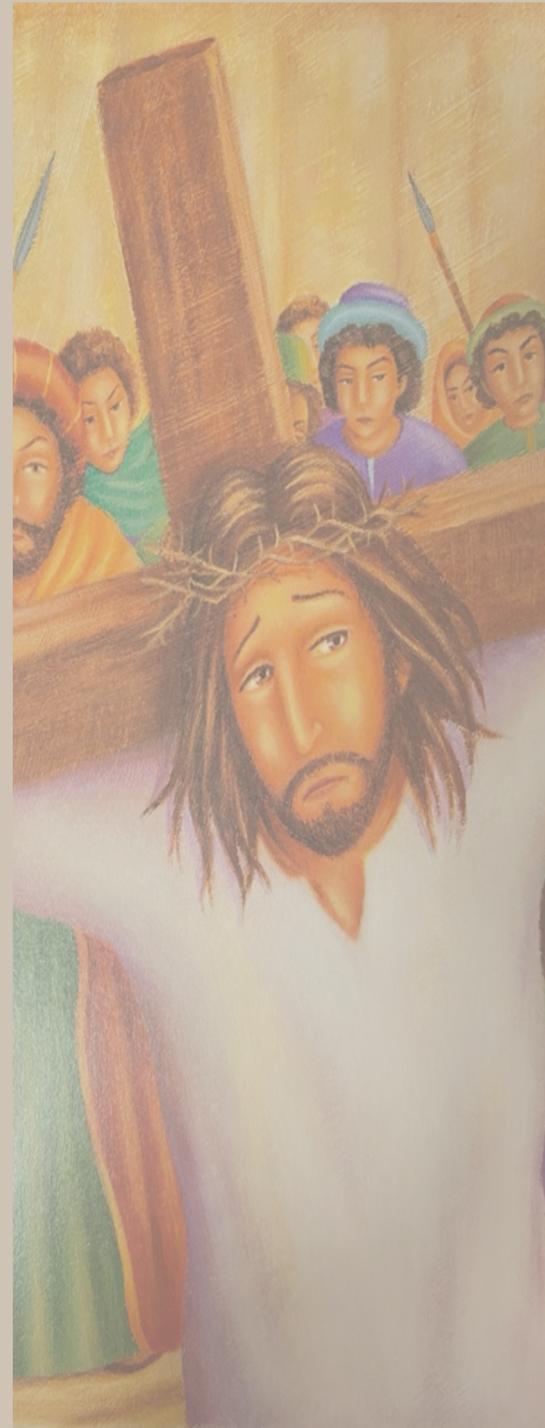
Jesus could barely see the way ahead. Tears clouded his eyes. He tried to wipe them, but only smeared them with the dust from his hands.

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

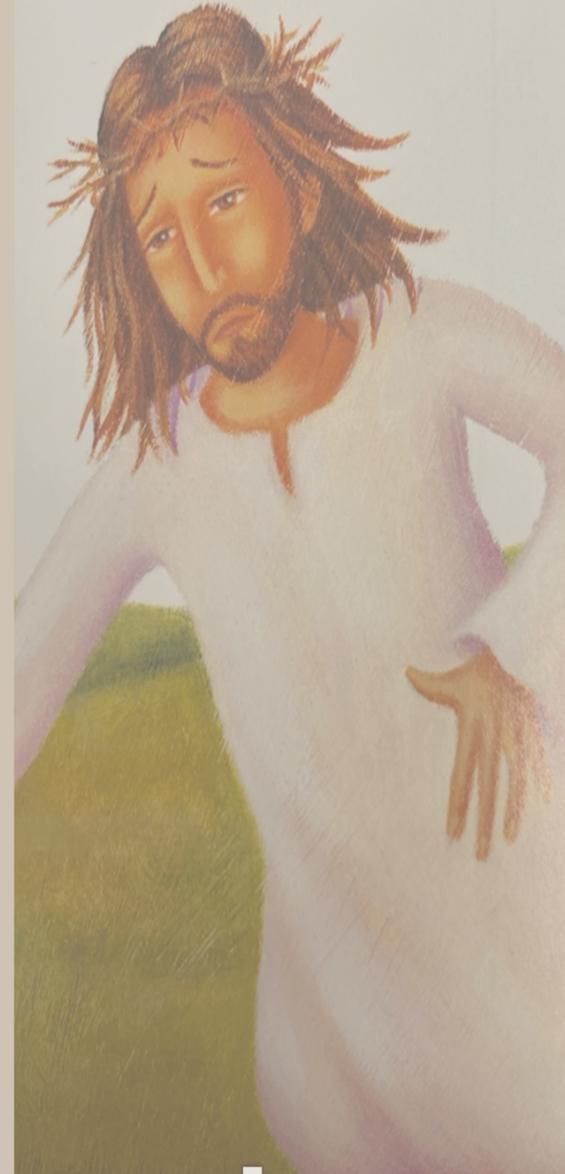


Seven: Jesus falls the second time

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?

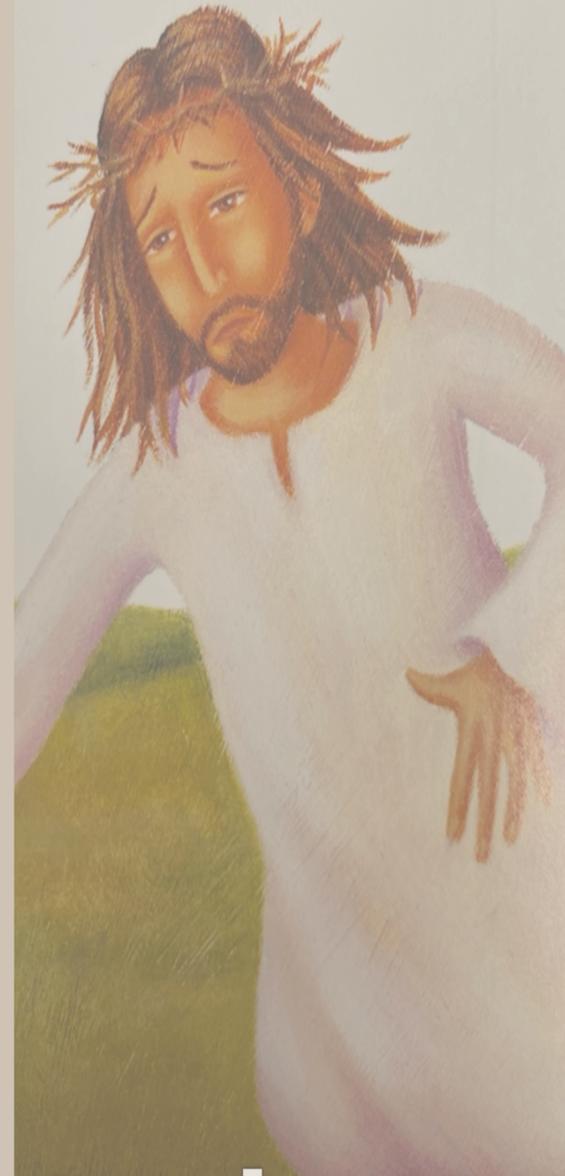
Once again Jesus fell.



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

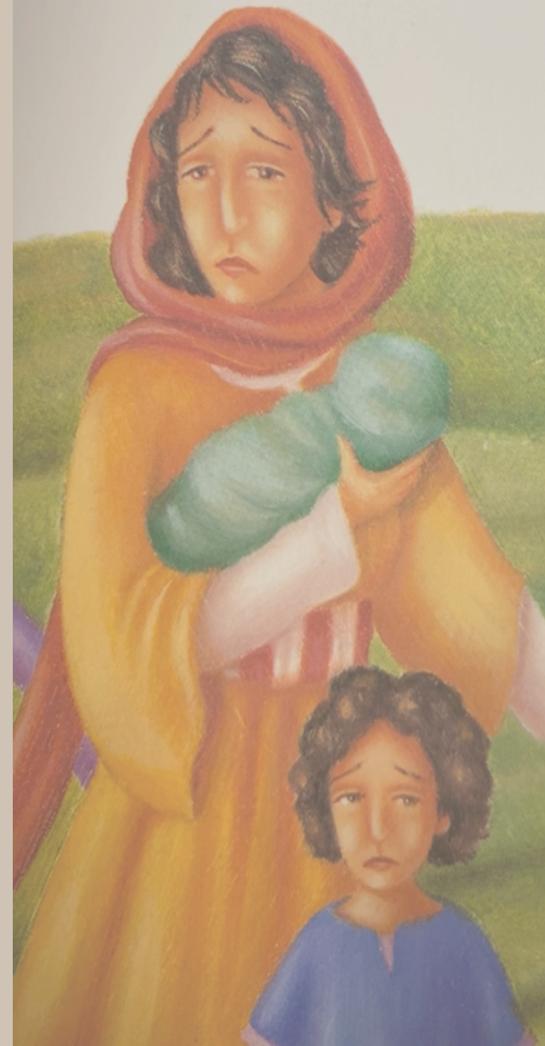
A group of women wept to see
Jesus so cruelly treated.

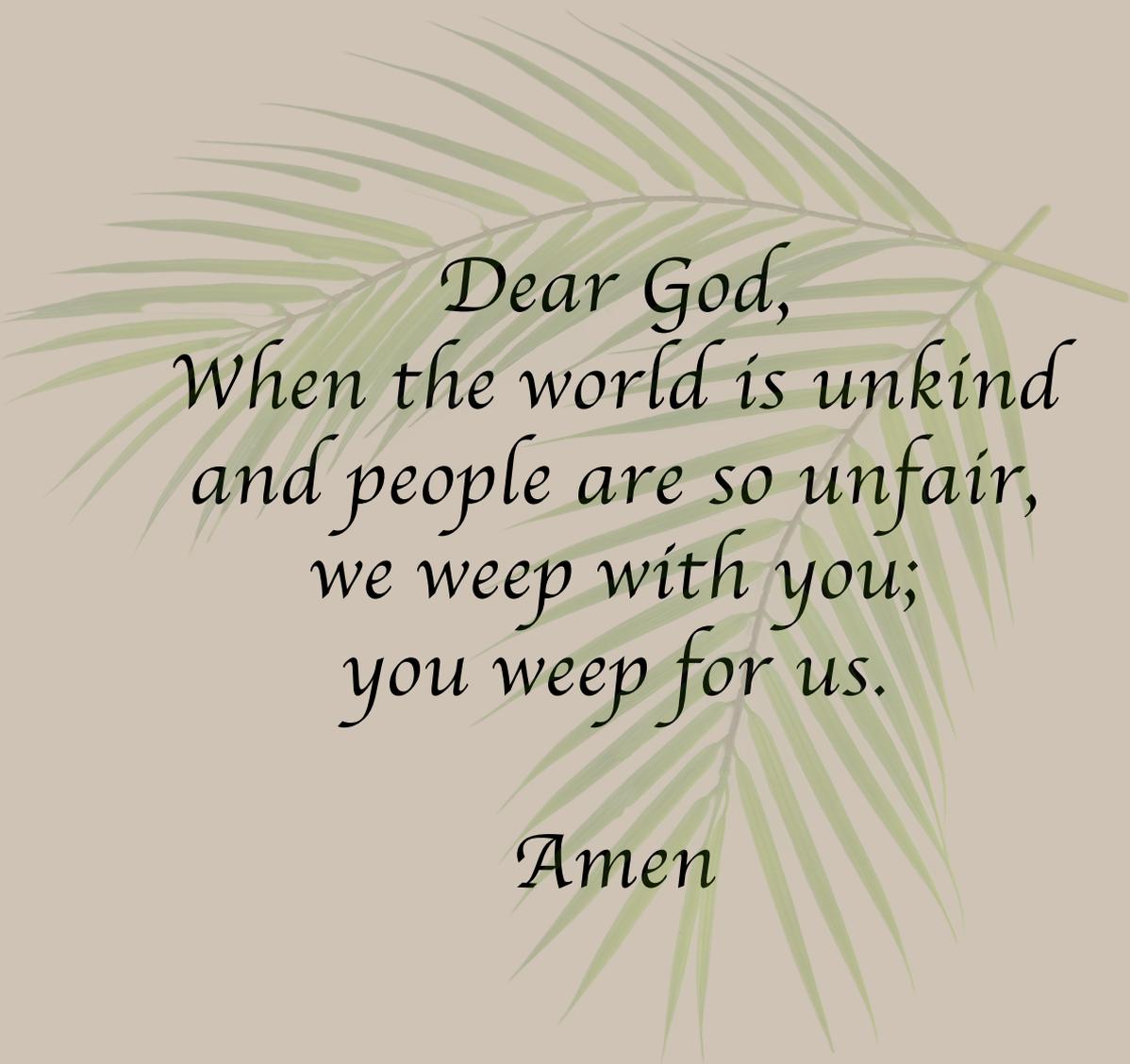
‘He has done nothing wrong,’
they cried. ‘What is happening is
neither right nor fair.’

Jesus looked at them sadly.

‘Do not weep for me,’ he said.

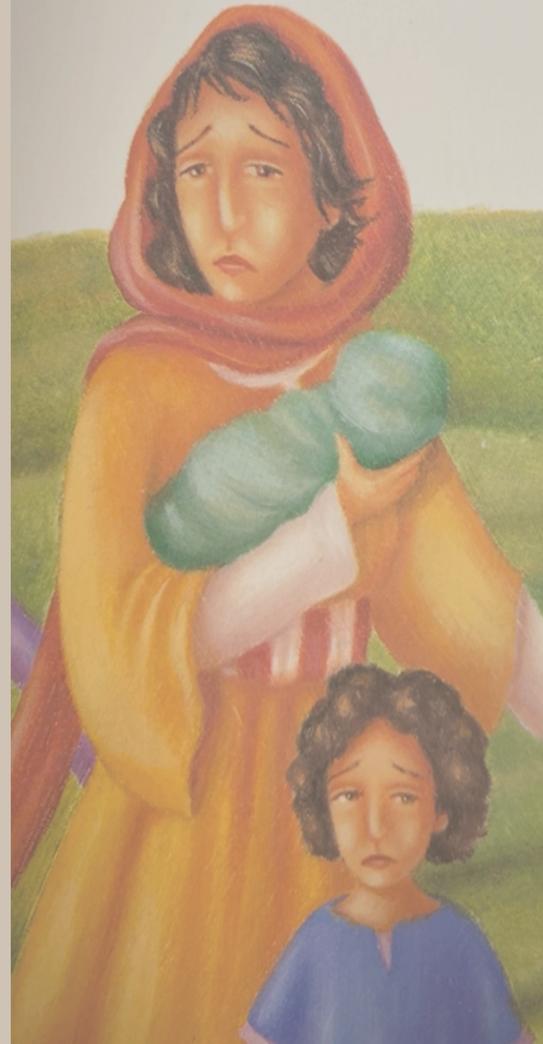
‘Weep for yourselves and for
your children who have to go on
living in these troubled times.’





*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.

On Sunday, three days later, some of Jesus' friends went to visit the tomb.

But when they got there, the stone had been rolled away.

The tomb was empty.

An angel told them that Jesus had risen from the dead.

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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!