



The Way of the Cross for Vocations for Children



This Way of the Cross helps children walk with Jesus and learn that God calls everyone to follow Him. As we pray at each station, we discover how listening, serving, and trusting God helps us understand our vocation.

God has a plan for every life. Some people are called to be priests, deacons, sisters, or brothers. Others are called to marriage and family life. Every vocation begins by listening to God and saying yes.

As we move from station to station, we listen to God's Word, reflect quietly, and pray for open hearts.



Let us Walk with Jesus...

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH



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Reflection:

Jesus was judged unfairly and told He had to die, even though He had done nothing wrong. He trusted God and accepted what was happening.

This teaches us that following God is sometimes hard, but doing what is right is always good. God asks each of us to be brave and faithful. Saying yes to God helps us grow closer to Him.

Scripture:

**"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
(John 15:13)**

Prayer:

Jesus, help us hear Your voice and follow You with courage. Show us the path You want us to take. Amen.

JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS



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Reflection:

Jesus took up His cross and began walking, even though it was heavy and hard. He did not run away from what God asked Him to do.

God asks us to follow Him step by step, learning to say yes every day. Each yes helps us understand how God wants us to live. Trusting God helps us grow stronger in our hearts.

Scripture:

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

Prayer:

Jesus, help us say yes to God, even when it feels hard. Amen.

JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME



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Reflection:

Jesus fell while carrying His cross, but He got up and kept going. Everyone struggles sometimes, and that is okay.

God wants us to keep trying and trust Him when life is hard. Following God can feel heavy, but He gives us strength. Every time we get back up, we grow closer to Him.

Scripture:

**"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."
(Matthew 11:28)**

Prayer:

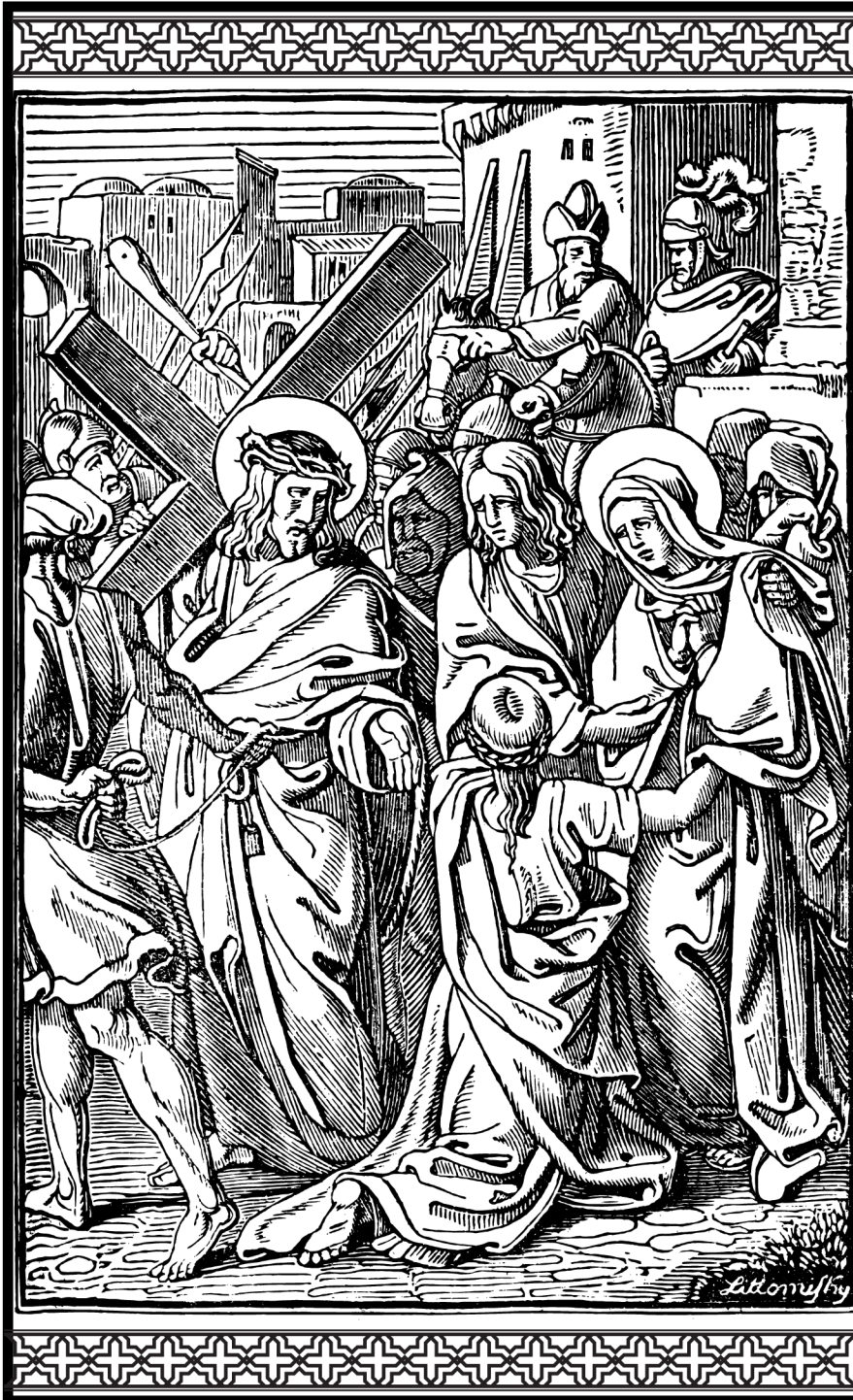
Jesus, when I feel weak or want to give up, help me keep going. Show me the path You want me to follow. Amen.

JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER



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Reflection:

Jesus met His mother, Mary, along the way. Even though she was very sad, Mary stayed close to Him and trusted God. She shows us that listening to God and being faithful helps us follow Him.

Like Mary, we can say yes to God with love. God gives us helpers to guide us as we follow Him.

Scripture:

"Behold, your mother." (John 19:27)

Prayer:

Mary, help us trust God and listen to His plan for our lives. Amen.

SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY THE CROSS



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Reflection:

Simon helped Jesus carry His cross, even though he did not plan to. God often calls people to help others.

Helping and serving is one way God shows us what He wants us to do. Small acts of service can guide us to our vocation. Serving others with love brings us closer to God.

Scripture:

**"Serve one another through love."
(Galatians 5:13)**

Prayer:

Jesus, teach us to help others with love. Show us how we can serve You in our lives. Amen.

VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS



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Reflection:

Veronica stepped forward and wiped Jesus' face. She showed care and courage. God can work through small acts of kindness to guide us to our vocation.

Every kind action makes a difference. God can use us to help and comfort others.

Scripture:

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Prayer:

Jesus, help me see You in others and show kindness. Lead me to the vocation where I can love and serve You. Amen.

JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME



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Reflection:

Jesus fell again under the cross, but He got up and kept walking. Following God can be hard sometimes, but we must keep trying.

God gives us courage and strength when we feel tired or weak. Each step teaches us to trust Him more. We grow closer to God when we never give up.

Scripture:

“Everything is possible to one who has faith.” (Mark 9:23)

Prayer:

Jesus, help me trust You even when I feel unsure. Walk with me as I follow You. Amen.

JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM



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Reflection:

Jesus saw the women crying for Him, even while He was suffering. He cared about their sadness. God calls us to care for others and pray for those who are hurting.

Showing love and compassion is part of following God. He gives us hearts that can comfort people in need.

Scripture:

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain.” (Revelation 21:4)

Prayer:

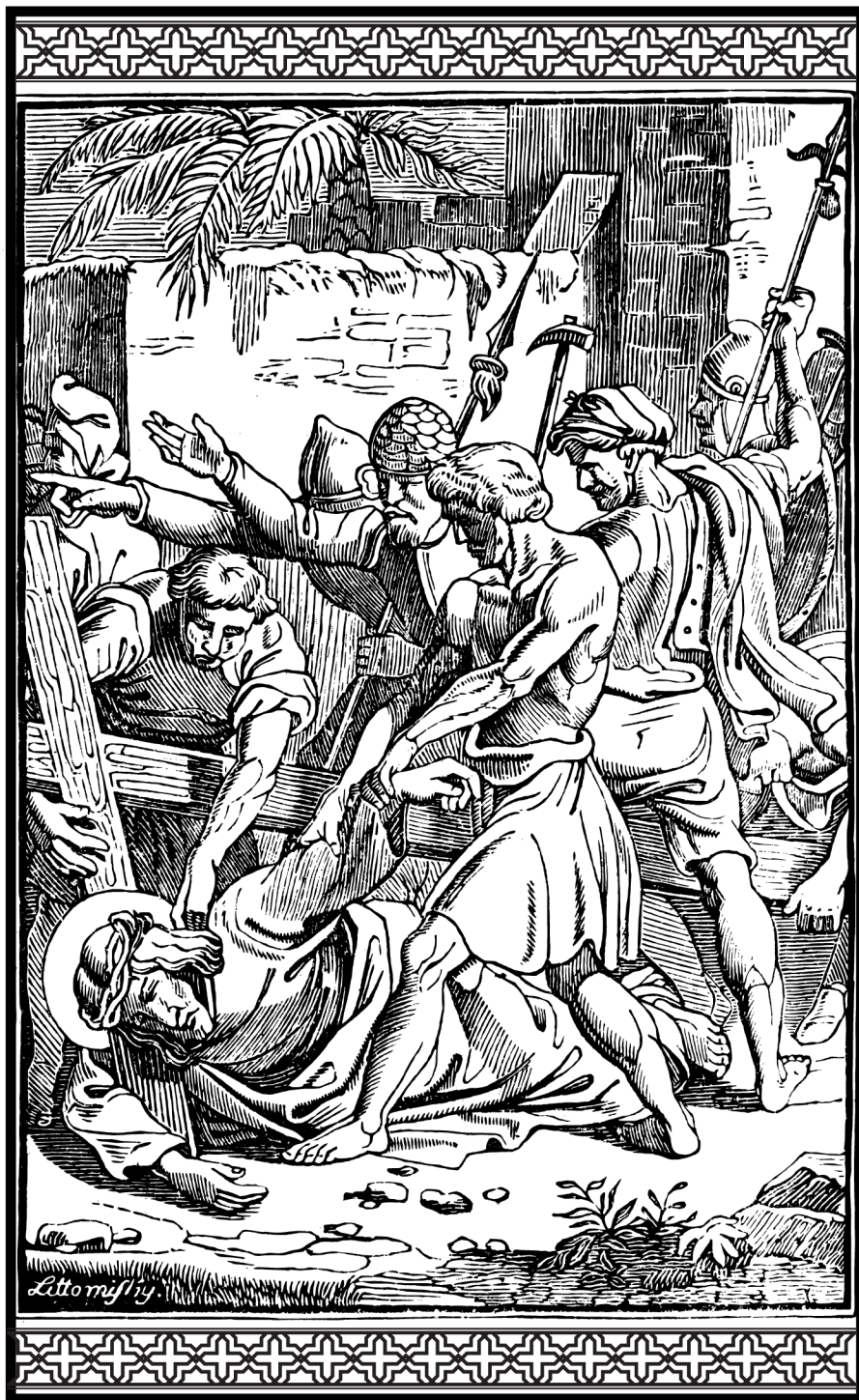
Jesus, help me comfort others when they are sad. Show me how I can bring peace to those who are hurting. Amen.

JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME



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Reflection:

Jesus fell a third time but did not give up. God wants us to keep trusting Him, even when life is hard.

Our vocation asks us to rely on God when we feel weak. With His help, we can do all He asks. Every time we stand up, we show God that we want to follow Him.

Scripture:

**“For the sake of Christ, for when I am weak, then I am strong.”
(2 Corinthians 12:10)**

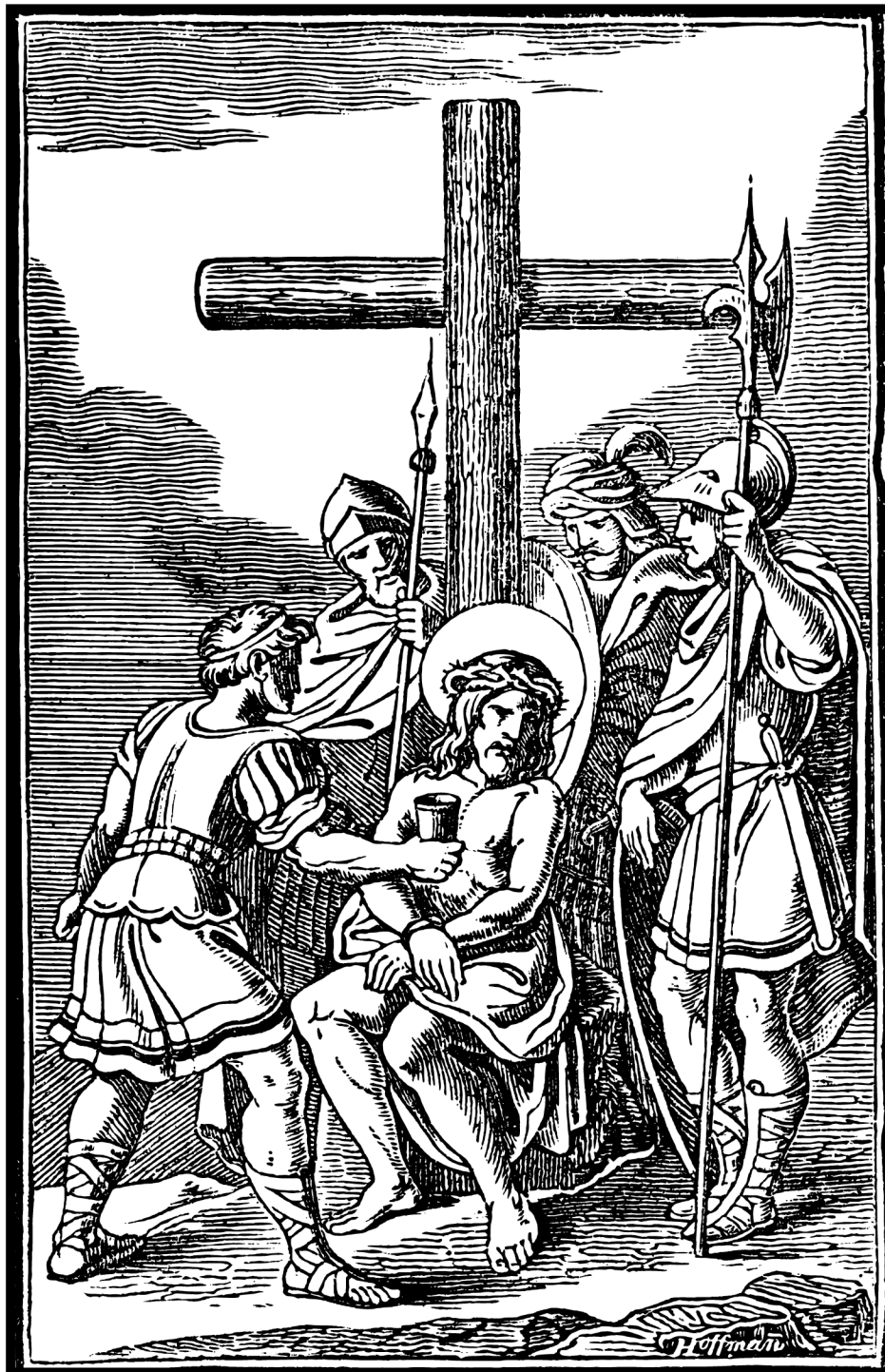
Prayer:

Jesus, help me trust Your strength when I feel weak. Show me how to follow You always. Amen.

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS CLOTHES



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Reflection:

Jesus was left with nothing, but He stayed humble and trusted God. God wants us to follow Him without needing praise or comfort.

Being humble helps us grow close to God. Following our vocation may mean doing small things with love. God sees our hearts, not just what we do.

Scripture:

“He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:8)

Prayer:

Jesus, help me follow You with humility and courage. Show me how to love and serve without needing reward. Amen.

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS



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Reflection:

Jesus was nailed to the cross but stayed faithful to God. God calls us to stay close to Him, even when it is hard.

Following our vocation means trusting God and not giving up. His love helps us keep going. Staying faithful shows our love for God and others.

Scripture:

**“Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.”
(1 Corinthians 16:13)**

Prayer:

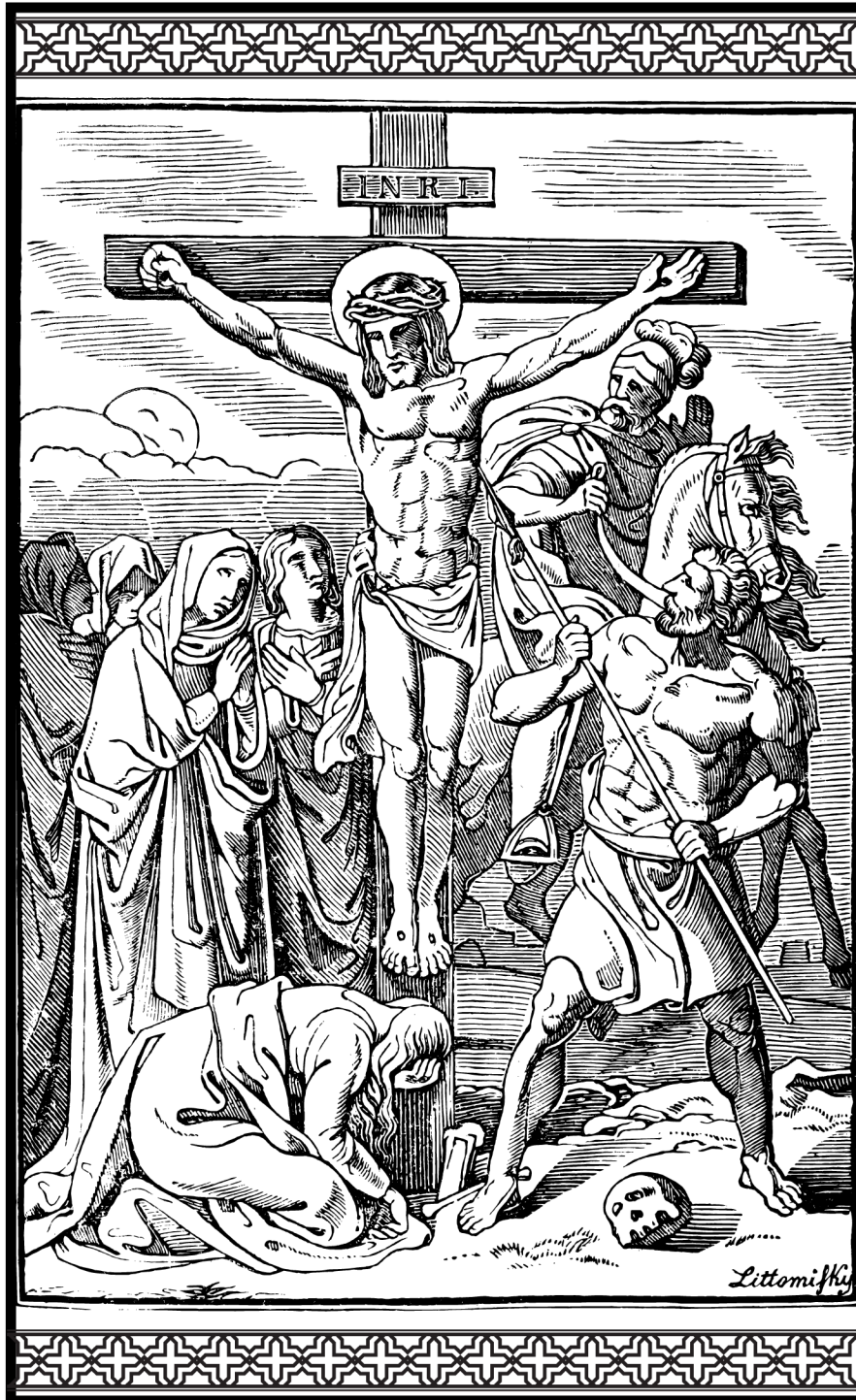
Jesus, thank You for staying close to us. Help me remain faithful to Your call. Amen.

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS



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Reflection:

Jesus died on the cross, giving His life completely to God. Every vocation asks us to give our lives with love and trust.

Following God may be hard, but His love makes it possible. His death shows the power of love and obedience. With God, our life can grow and bear much fruit.

Scripture:

**“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”
(John 12:24)**

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for teaching me how to love. Help me trust You completely, even when I am afraid. Amen.

JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS



Reflection:

Jesus' body was taken down carefully and treated with love. God calls us to care for others gently and faithfully.

Serving others with love is part of following God. Every act of care shows His love to the world. Being faithful in service helps us find our vocation.

Scripture:

"Let us love one another, because love is of God." (1 John 4:7)

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for showing us how to love. Help me care for others as You have loved everyone. Amen.

JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB



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Reflection:

Jesus' body was placed in the tomb. It was a time of quiet and waiting. God calls us to be patient and trust Him, even when we do not know what will happen next.

Staying faithful, like Jesus in the tomb, helps us grow closer to God. Waiting is part of following His call.

Scripture:

"I chose you to go and bear fruit that will remain." (John 15:16)

Prayer:

Jesus, stay close to us in quiet moments. Help us trust God and wait with hope. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER



Dear Jesus,

Thank You for walking with us today. You gave Your life to show us how to truly live. You suffered and died to bring love and freedom to everyone.

The world still needs Your love. Help us follow You, serve others, and share Your love wherever we go.

Here I am, Jesus. I will follow You and do what You ask. Amen.

