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VIA CRUCIS

VII. Station: “Jesus falls the second time”

V. *Adoramus te Christe et benedicimus tibi* (We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee)

R. *Quia per Crucem tuam redemisti mundum* (For by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.)

Once again we see how difficult the way is. How many burdens does the Lord carry on His shoulders: the physical burden, the spiritual burden, all that is happening around Him, the cruelty of so many? But what weighs most on Him is the burden of sin, which brings separation from God, and which Jesus now takes upon Himself in His own flesh for our sake, depriving Himself of the glory of the Father.

“He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed” (Is 53:4-5).

Jesus glorifies the Father with His Passion! He gives us the greatest proof of love.

The Lord falls again, and again He gets up and goes on His way. In this way He exhorts us to go on and not to remain oppressed under the weight of our sins and to fall into despair. Jesus shows us that He is there to lift us up. He has endured everything for us, and in Him we will always find the strength we need for our journey after Him. But we must not stay on the ground, but look up to the Father as He did. Then we can go on and reach our goal. The Spirit of Strength will lift us up.

Prayer: *“Lord, graciously grant us salvation and peace, that your Church, having overcome all obstacles and errors, may serve you in full freedom, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit and is God for ever and ever. Amen.”*

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be