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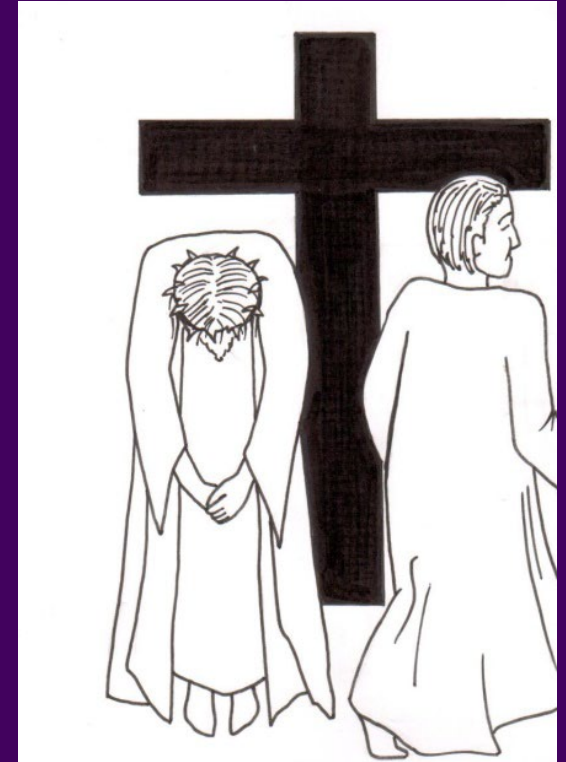


The cross stands above the city of Aleppo ©Ismael Martínez Sánchez / ACN

Stations of the Cross for the Suffering Church

1st Station:

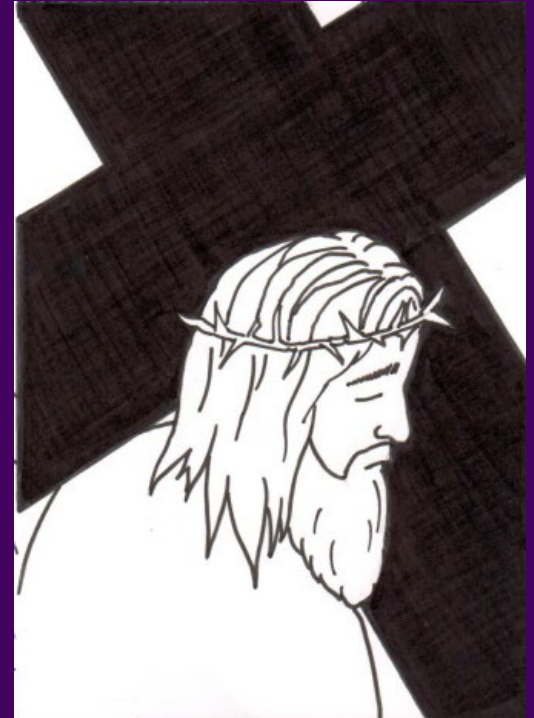
JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH



Father Francis holds the battered cross (left) that was sliced off his church (right) during riots in Egypt in 2016

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2nd Station:
JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS



Despite the threat from extremist groups, the Sisters of Maria Stella Matutina in the Diocese of Ouagadougou are building a new convent with help from ACN. The Sisters provide help to desperate local people. ©ACN

3rd Station:

JESUS FALLS FOR THE FIRST TIME



The faithful in prayer at a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral in San Carlos. ACN has helped to fund the rebuilding of this cathedral and another church in the city.

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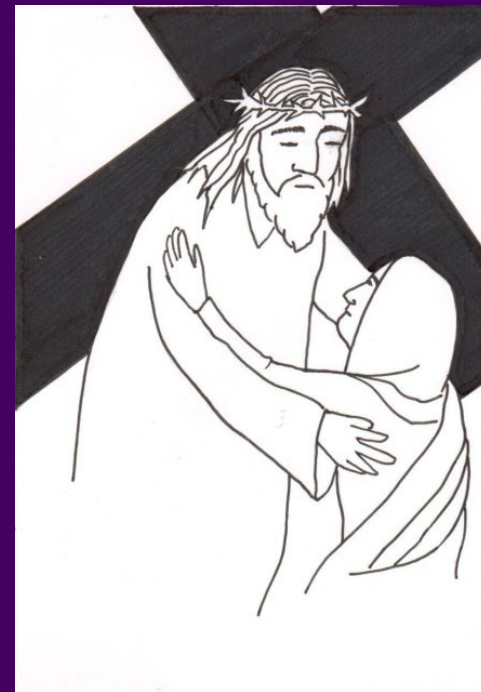
4th Station:

JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER



In the Diocese of Nizhniy Novgorod, ACN helped to renovate a church building to provide accommodation for pregnant women and single mothers and their children.

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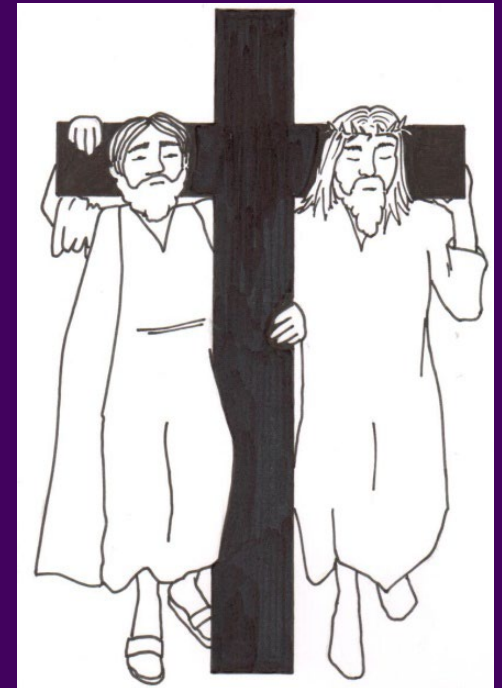
5th Station:

SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS TO CARRY THE CROSS



Rolando José Álvarez Lagos, Bishop of Matagalpa, stands in the ruined Caritas offices in the city of Sébaco. The building was heavily damaged in the 2018/19 protests.

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6th Station:

VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS



Sister Marie Catherine of the Servants of Christ of Tibiri walks with a group of children. The Sisters support children and families, providing schooling and healthcare. ©ACN.

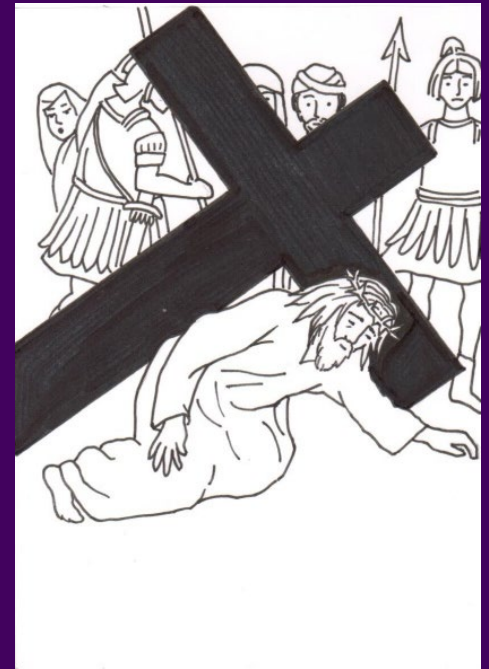


7th Station:

JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME



Reconstruction is taking place in the town of Dombe, following the destruction wrought by Cyclone Idai. Workers are building a kindergarten and agricultural school, 2019. ©ACN



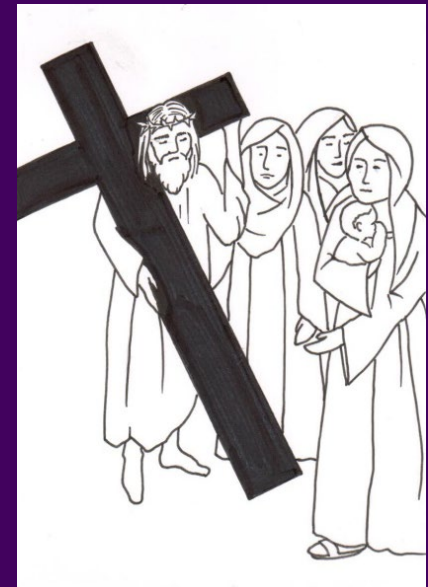


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8th Station: **JESUS CONSOLES THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM**



The Bishop of Yaoda, Barthélémy Yaouda Hourgo, speaks to local women at a community gathering, 2019
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9th Station: **JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME**



A mother with a photograph of her son, a soldier killed in action in 2019, stands outside an ACN-funded rehabilitation centre for injured soldiers and their family in Lviv.
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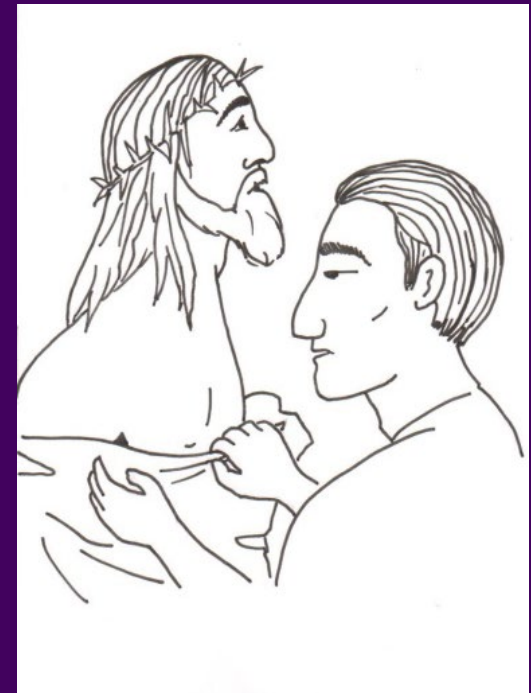




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10th Station:

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS



A man selling fruits and vegetables in Youhanabad, the Christian district in the city of Lahore. Most Pakistani fathers are the main providers for their families, leaving wives and children without a means of support if they are injured or killed, 2019. ©ACN /Magdalena Wolnik

11th Station:

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS



The crucifix hangs in the ruins of a Jesuit chapel in Aleppo, Syria. ©ACN



12th Station:
JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS



Spattered by the blood of those killed in the Easter Sunday attacks, a statue of Jesus stands in a glass case in the Church of St Sebastian, Negombo. ©ACN



13th Station:

JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS



A group of women and children in the Eritrean capital, Asmara. ©ACN



14th Station: **JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB**



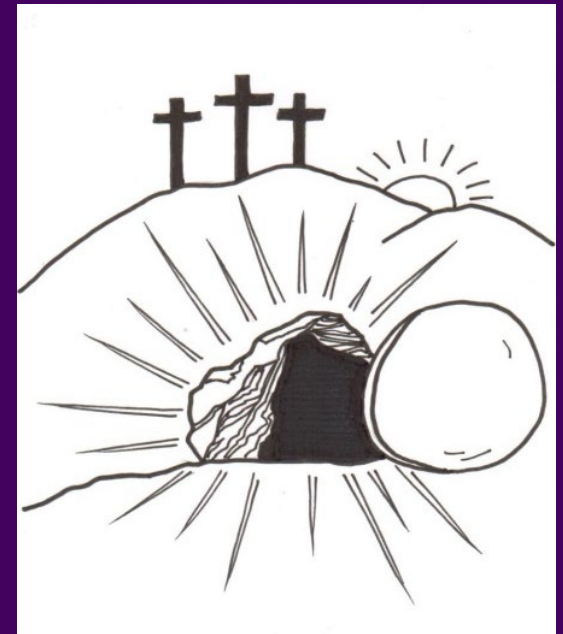
The faithful at prayer in a chapel dedicated to Our Lady in the mountains in China. ©ACN



RISEN JESUS, WE PRAISE YOU!



A priest celebrates Easter Mass with the faithful in a mission in Guamá, Cuba. ©ACN





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PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Loving Father, we pray that each of your precious children across the world may know of your love for them.

We pray that, where life has become very difficult, you may make a clear path for them.

We pray for their protection, and for them to know that “...under His wings you will find refuge”.

(Psalm 90(91):4 RSV-CE)

May persecuted Christians know that with your grace, Lord God, they can do anything. We offer our prayers for their strength and safety.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



A man prays in Pakistan while a police officer guards the church
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