

*My Wounded
Hands*

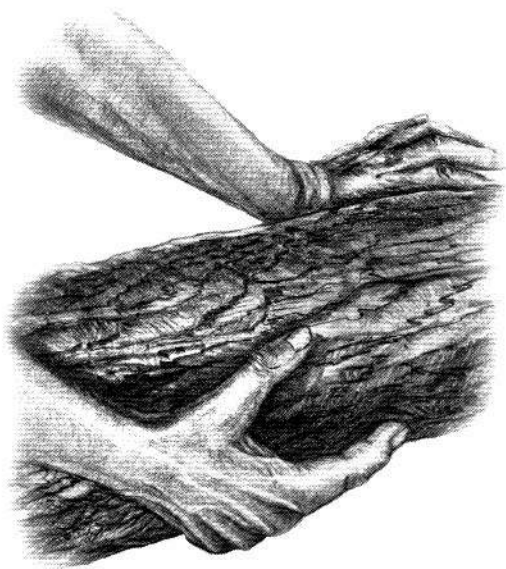


A WAY OF THE CROSS



SEVENTH STATION

Jesus Falls the Second Time



Hands of Courage

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you:

R. Because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world!

Jesus said: "So that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the one who was paralyzed—"I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home."

(LK 5:24)

Because being one with Christ is our sanctity, and progressively becoming one with him our happiness on earth, the love of the cross in no way contradicts being a joyful child of God. Helping Christ carry his cross fills one with a strong and pure joy, and those who may and can do so, the builders of God's kingdom, are the most authentic children of God. And so those who have a predilection for the way of the cross by no means deny that Good Friday is past and that the work of salvation has been accomplished.

Saint Edith Stein

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,
she beheld her tender child,
all with bloody scourges rent.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father...