

THE EIGHTH STATION

JESUS AND THE WOMEN

The women wept for Jesus. They would have taken His pain away, if they could. He told them his suffering was not simply a personal tragedy, but rather a universal story of betrayal, torture and death. All involved, persecutors, witnesses and persecuted, were victims of man's inhumanity to man.



Parenthood is a mixture of nurturing and protecting, of standing by and letting go. We cannot live others lives for them – they have to live their own lives. We may remember how helpless we have felt when we have seen others suffer – yet if we could do something, we would.

We were not made to suffer and to die. Let us pray for all who suffer that they will have comfort and relief. Let us pray for the dying that they will have no fear and as we remember those who have died, we entrust them to God's tender care.