

THE NINTH STATION

IRON NAILS THROUGH HUMAN FLESH

Nails were used to pin Jesus to the cross - iron hammered through human flesh. Jesus experienced sheer brutality fuelled by resentment, fear, ignorance and hatred. Iron pierced through human flesh - the flesh yielded, there was no defence. Such was the suffering Jesus accepted.



Life can be so fragile. How easy it is to hurt and maim living creatures. Death can come as a welcome release, when suffering becomes too much. We know how much life can hurt, and so it is important to us that we bind up wounds, soothe distress and calm fear.

Let us pray for all victims of violence – for those who suffer it and for those who inflict it. Let us pray especially for children, for the elderly, for those too vulnerable to defend themselves. May God's kingdom come.