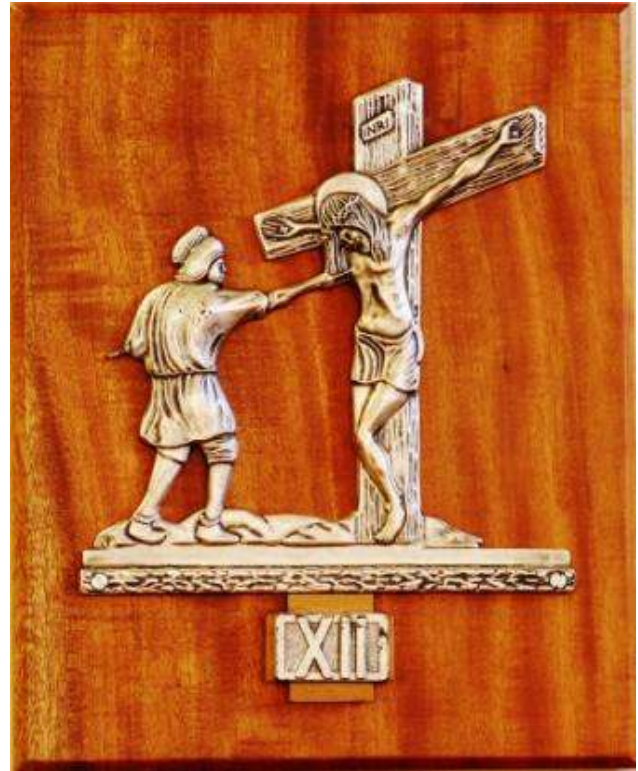


THE TWELFTH STATION

BLOOD AND WATER FLOW FROM HIS SIDE

There was no doubting that Jesus was dead. Those who loved Him were witnesses to the horrific truth. Those who had crucified Him had ensured He had died in as painful manner as they knew how. Blood and water flowed from His side. His body was truly lifeless. The sacrifice was complete. Darkness covered the land. The atmosphere was full of grimness at the loss.



We remember the cold and dark times, when an icy coldness grips our heart. We wonder what can pierce the depression, bringing us some light and warmth. We remember times when we have been so absorbed with gloom that we have not noticed the dawn. The light of Christ and the warmth of human contact is our salvation.

Let us pray for countries whose citizens have little to hope for. Let us pray for those who carry the cold grip of winter in their heart; those who live in darkness longing for the light.