

The Seventh Station  
**Jesus falls the Second Time**



**We adore you O Christ and we praise you, Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

In the garden Jesus prayed: 'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you wish.'

On the cross he said: 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'

Did Jesus have difficulty on the way of the cross? We take for granted, almost, his perseverance ..... his trust in his Heavenly Father. But this was genuine perseverance, genuine trust. There is nothing sham in the humanity of Christ.

My way of the cross is pretty easy by comparison. Yet I, too, need trust and the grace of perseverance.....and especially in the sacrament of penance.

My sins are so routine..... I have to confess the same ones again and again..... maybe I can take comfort in this.....perhaps I'm getting no worse.

I must learn to persevere in my sorrow..... to show, by my actions, that my sorrow is real.....never to let my conscience become calloused.....never to become oblivious to a fault, however slight it seems to be.....never to stop trying.

I must learn to trust more completely in God..... to have an unwearied hope that in the end, like Christ, I shall overcome. After all, God has promised me just that.

**I love you, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always; and then do with me what you will.**