

The Third Station

Jesus falls for the First Time



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

It is incredible that Jesus Christ, God made man, should fall down.

We have to remind ourselves that he was a man, 'like us in all things except sin'.

He was born.....was nursed like any other baby.....he grew up, and advanced 'in wisdom and knowledge and grace before God and man'.

He was the subject of the same laws of nature as ourselves.

He was a man.....as physically weak as all people are.....he knew his weakness: 'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.....'

Do I know my weakness?

Is it part of my trouble that I think I am stronger than I really am?

Am I too impatient in my passage towards God?

Do I stumble into sin through over-confidence?

Help me to know my weakness, Lord, so that I can overcome the petty faults which keep me from you.....my thoughtlessness towards others.....
my carelessness in prayer,..... my obstinacy in holding to my own opinion
..... my impatience and irritability.

Help me, Jesus, to learn by my mistakes, and always to lean on you.

**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.**