



The Parish of Boxmoor

St John's Boxmoor,
St Stephen's Chaulden & St Francis' Hammerfield



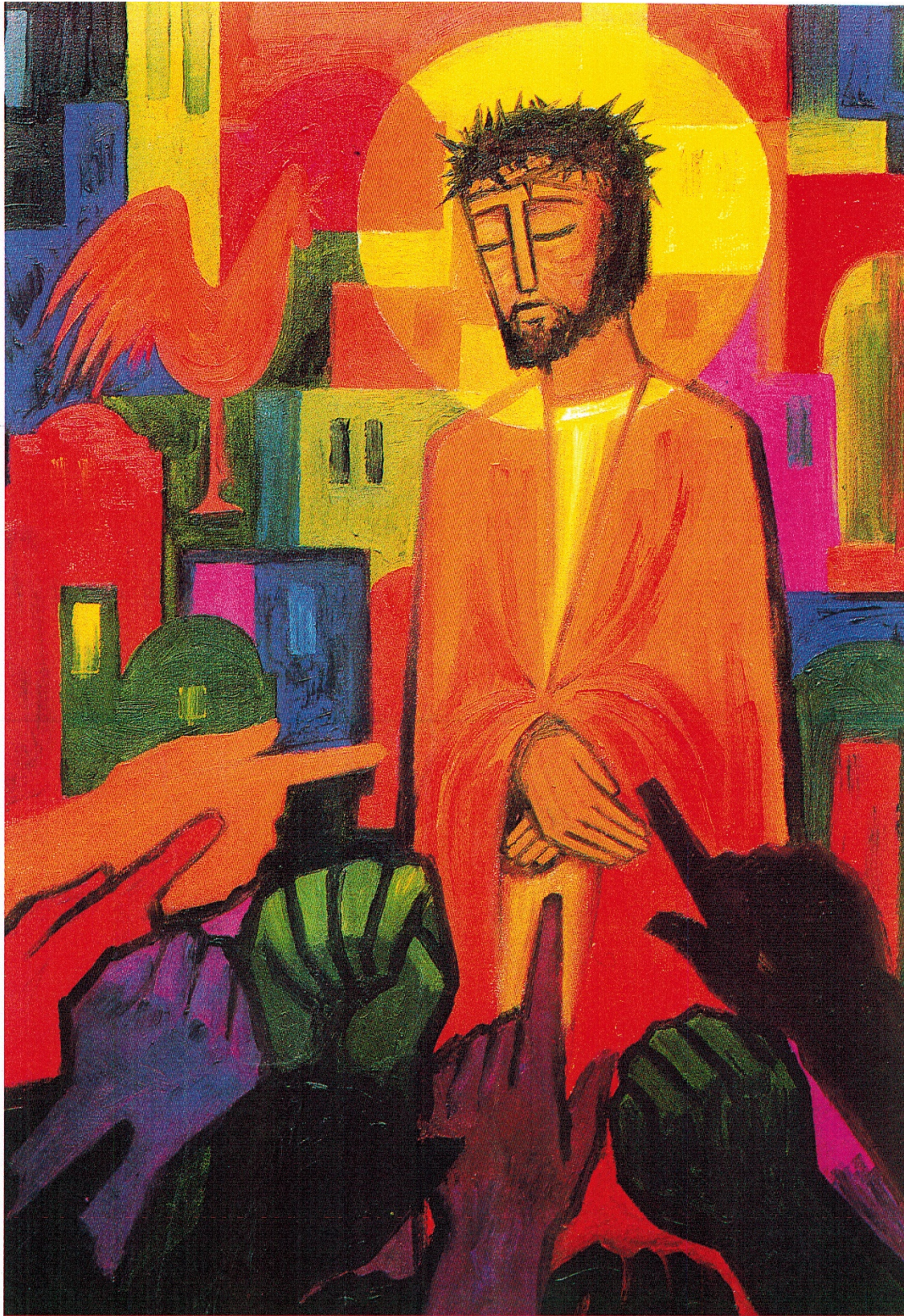
Stations of the Cross for Children

Gathering

*Keep a moment of quiet. You might like to hold or have a cross/crucifix near by.
When you are ready, say this prayer:*

God our Father,
As we walk in the footsteps of your loving Son
on the road that leads to his death,
Help us to know within our hearts the depth of his love,
the gift of your mercy and forgiveness,
and the assurance that we will be with him in paradise.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Station One: Jesus is condemned to death

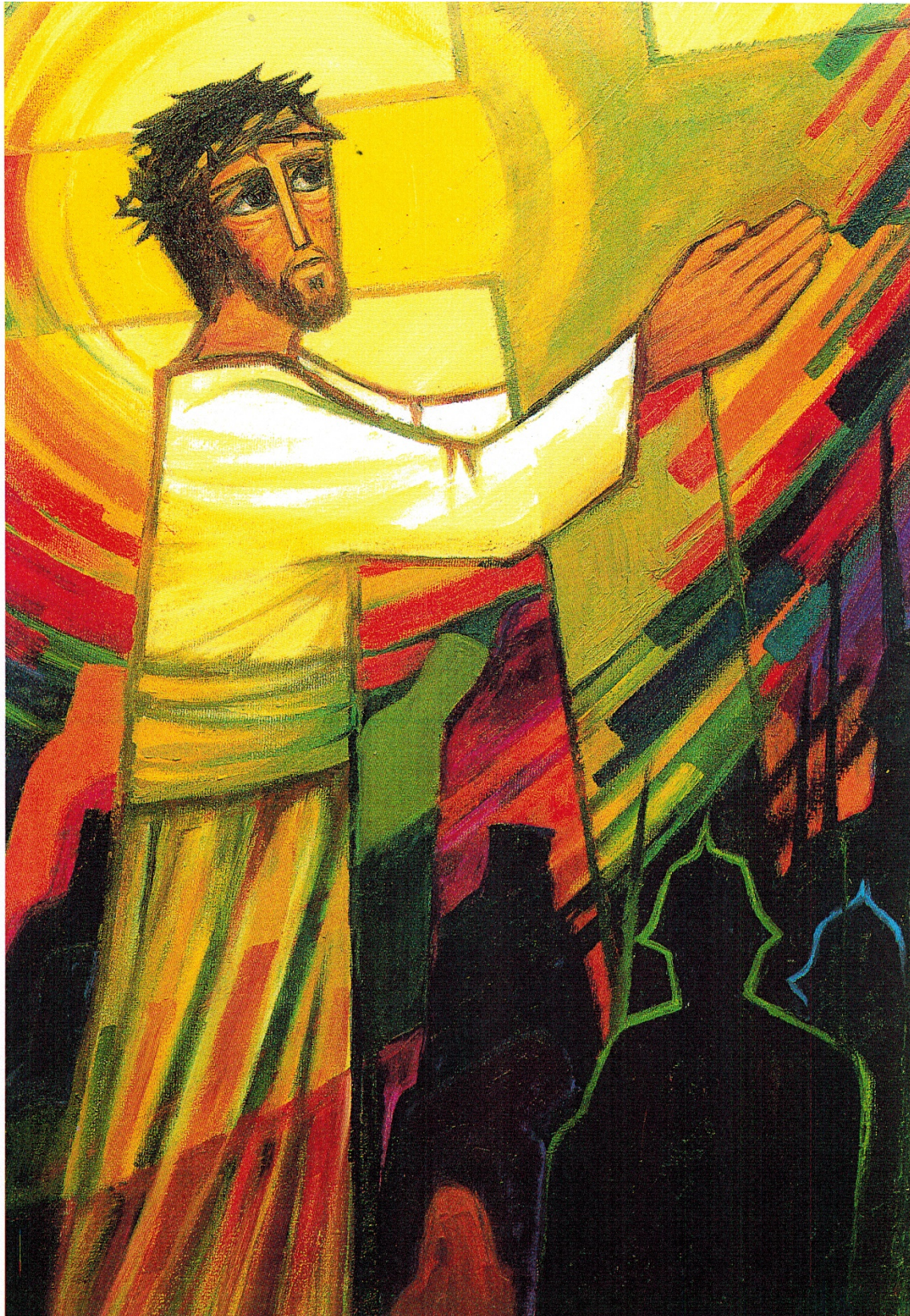


Reading: Jesus was accused of many crimes he didn't commit. He didn't defend himself. He knew he needed to die for our sins.

Prayer: Jesus, I often get defensive when I know I did something wrong. Help me to be honest. I also don't want to be a tell-tale or accuse others of doing wrong.

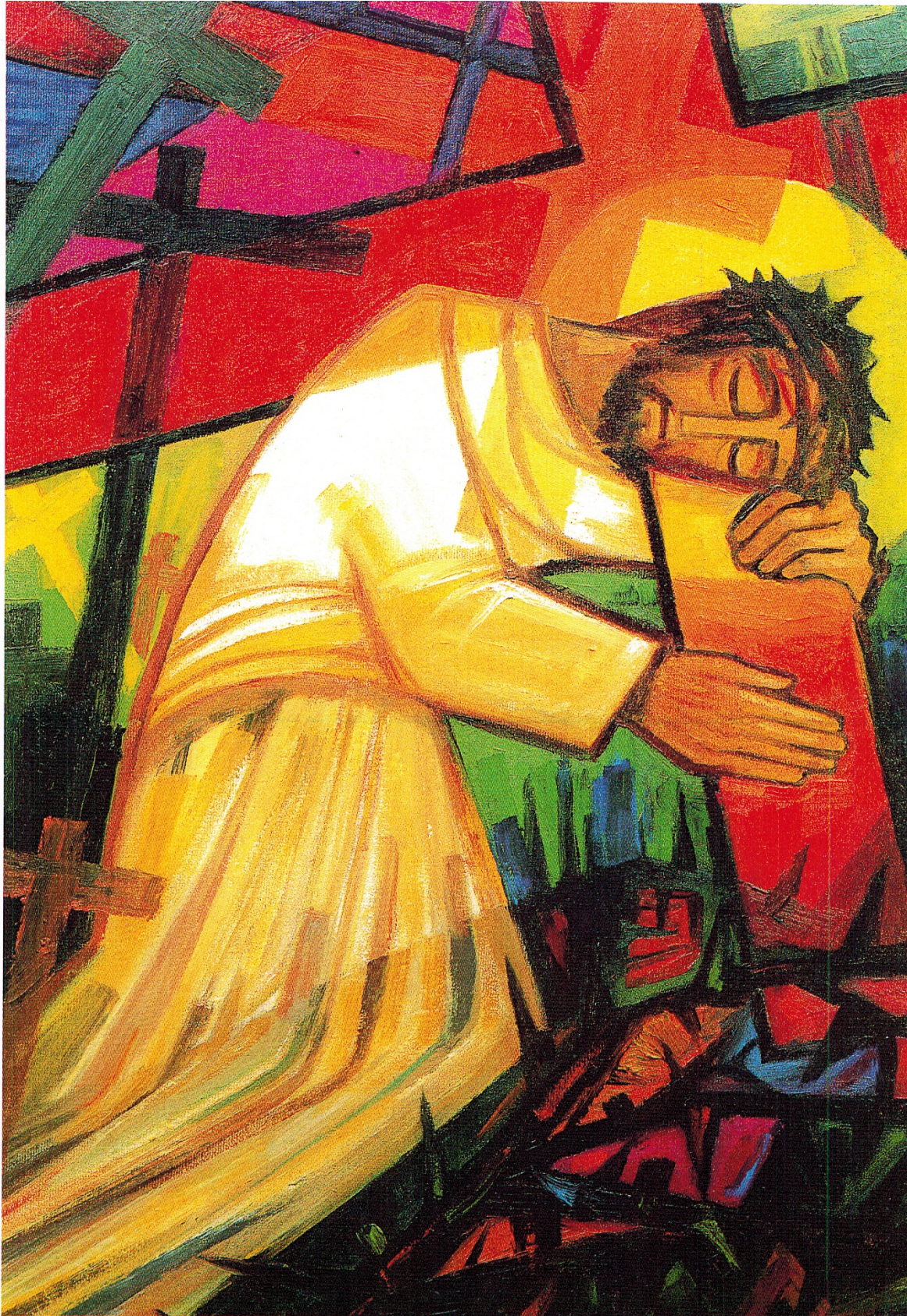
Response: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
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Station Two: Jesus receives his cross



- Reading: The cross was big and heavy. It was hard for Jesus to carry it. Jesus carried the heavy cross without complaining – not even once.
- Prayer: Sometimes schoolwork or jobs at home are hard for me and I complain. Jesus, please help me not to complain. I want to keep trying, even when I find something hard.
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Station Three: Jesus falls for the first time



Reading: Jesus was already badly wounded when he fell the first time. It must have hurt very much. But Jesus got up and kept on going.

Prayer: When we don't succeed in school or when we lose a sports game, it can make us feel defeated. Jesus was hurt but never defeated. Jesus, I want your attitude of hope and victory even if I am not succeeding.

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Station Four: Jesus meets his Mother

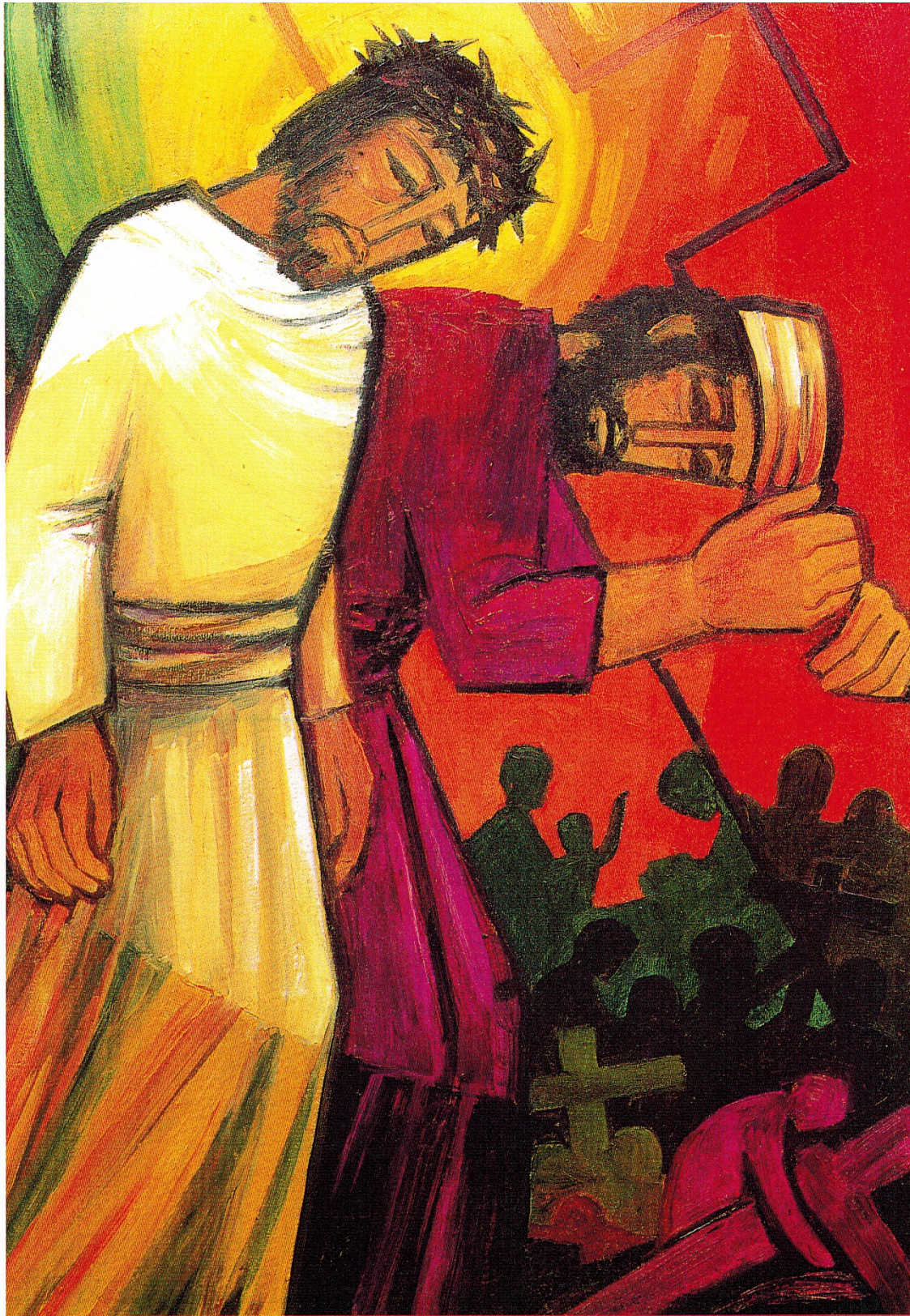


Reading: Jesus knew that his mother was sad to see him suffering so much. But he was so happy she came to him. Mary loved Jesus very much.

Prayer: Our parents love us very much, and sometimes we don't let them hug us and care for us because we are mad or sad or don't want them to see us in trouble. Jesus, I thank you for my parents and their love for me.

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Station Five: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross



Reading: Simon didn't come to help Jesus but to see what was going on. Then he was ordered by the soldiers to carry the cross, because Jesus was having such a hard time.

Prayer: Sometimes I don't want to help my friends or brothers and sisters or parents when I am told to. Jesus, help me to know that when I do help others, it is like helping you. I want to be kind and helpful.

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Station Six: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

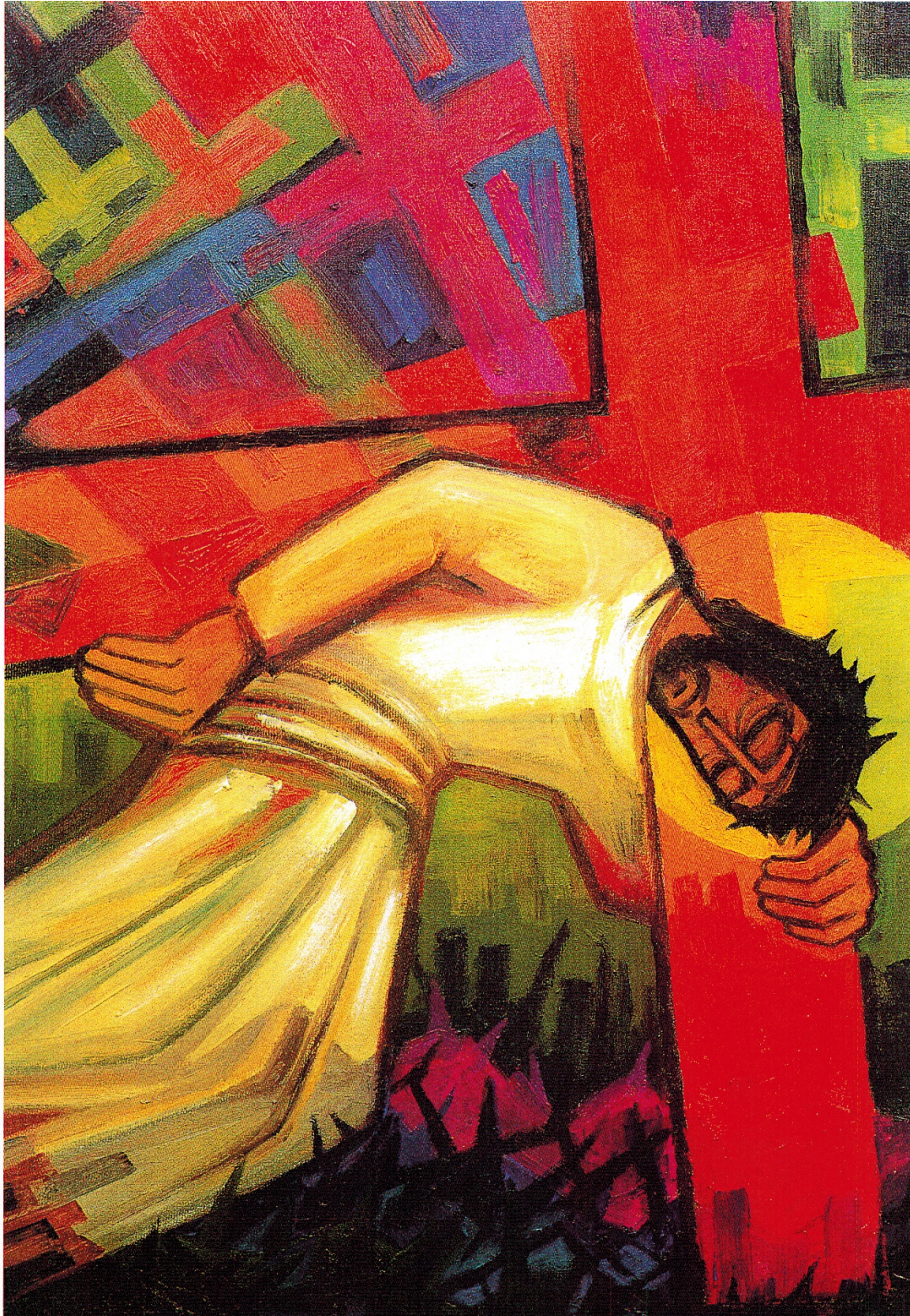


Reading: Veronica loved Jesus very much. When she stepped out to wipe his face, she risked getting in big trouble from the soldiers. Her love and kindness overcame her fear.

Prayer: Jesus, I want to love you like Veronica. Help me to be brave and love others who are unpopular.

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Station Seven: Jesus falls a second time

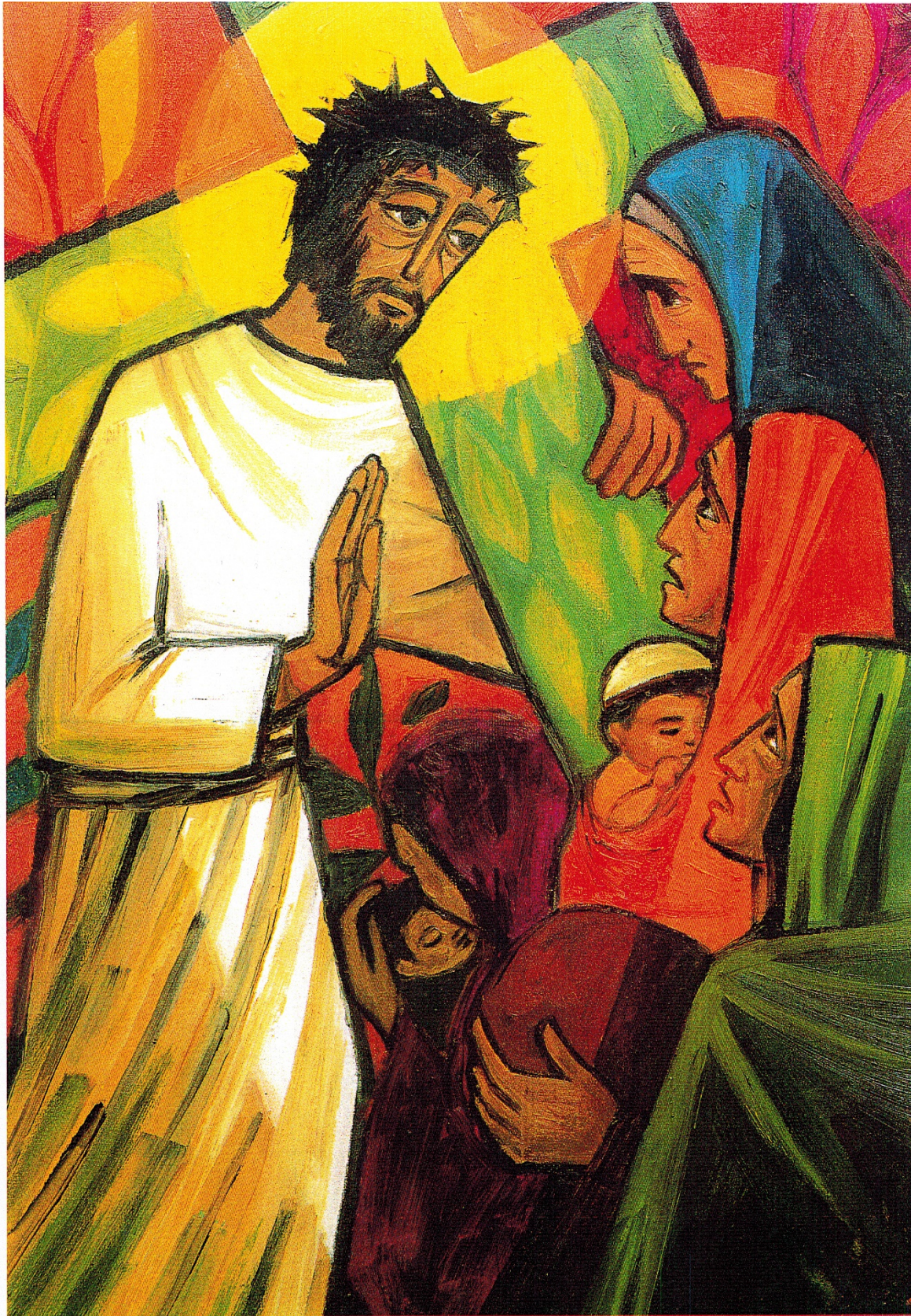


Reading: Jesus fell again because he was so weak and tired from all his wounds. But he still didn't give up. He got back up and continued on.

Prayer: Think of something that makes you feel weak, something that is hard for you to do. Ask Jesus to help you with this.

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Station Eight: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

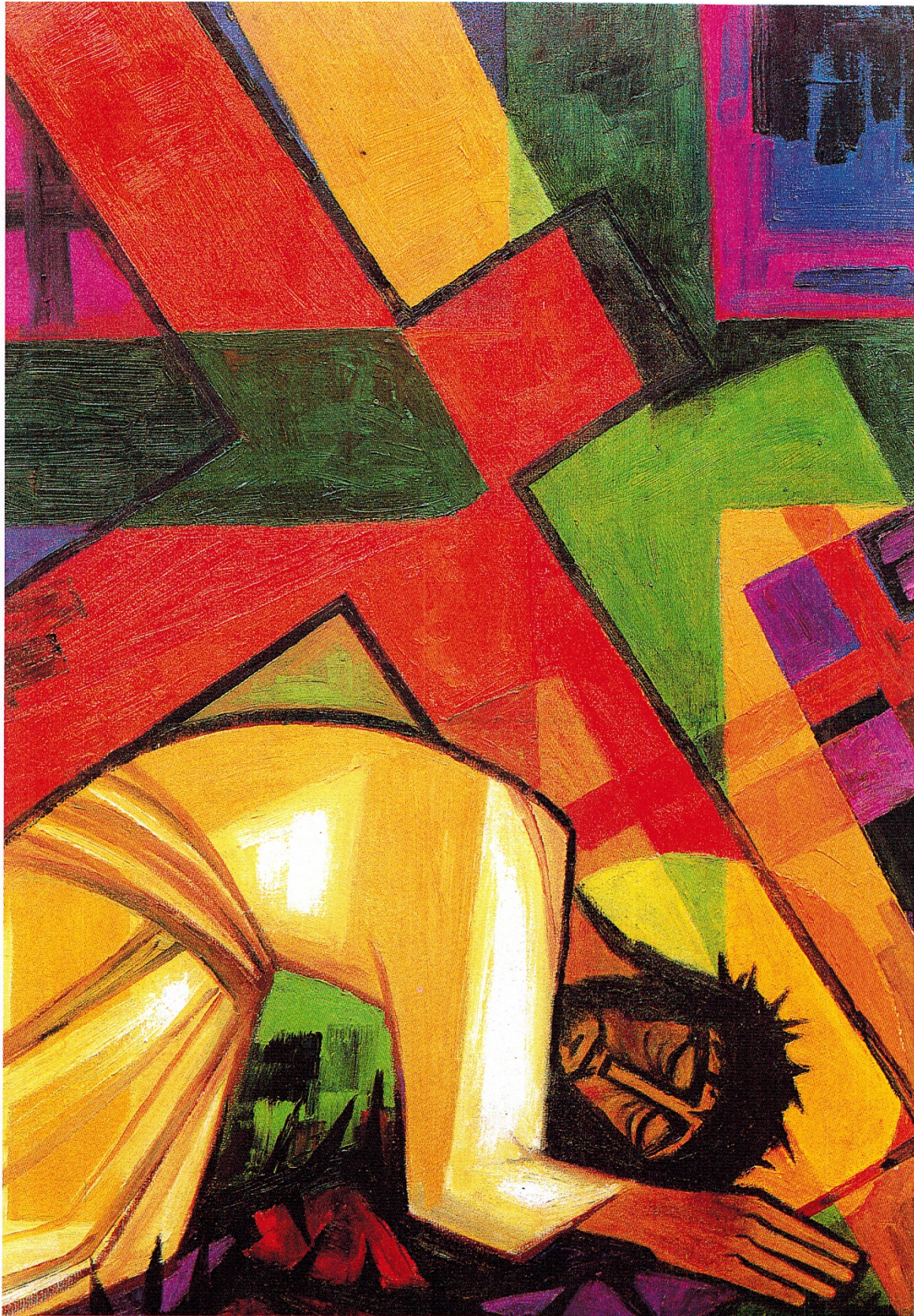


Reading: A lot of people were against Jesus, but a lot of people followed him. They were his faithful friends.

Prayer: Jesus, help me to be a faithful friend. When my friends are going through a hard time or are being made fun of, I want to help them and be a true friend.

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Station Nine: Jesus falls a third time

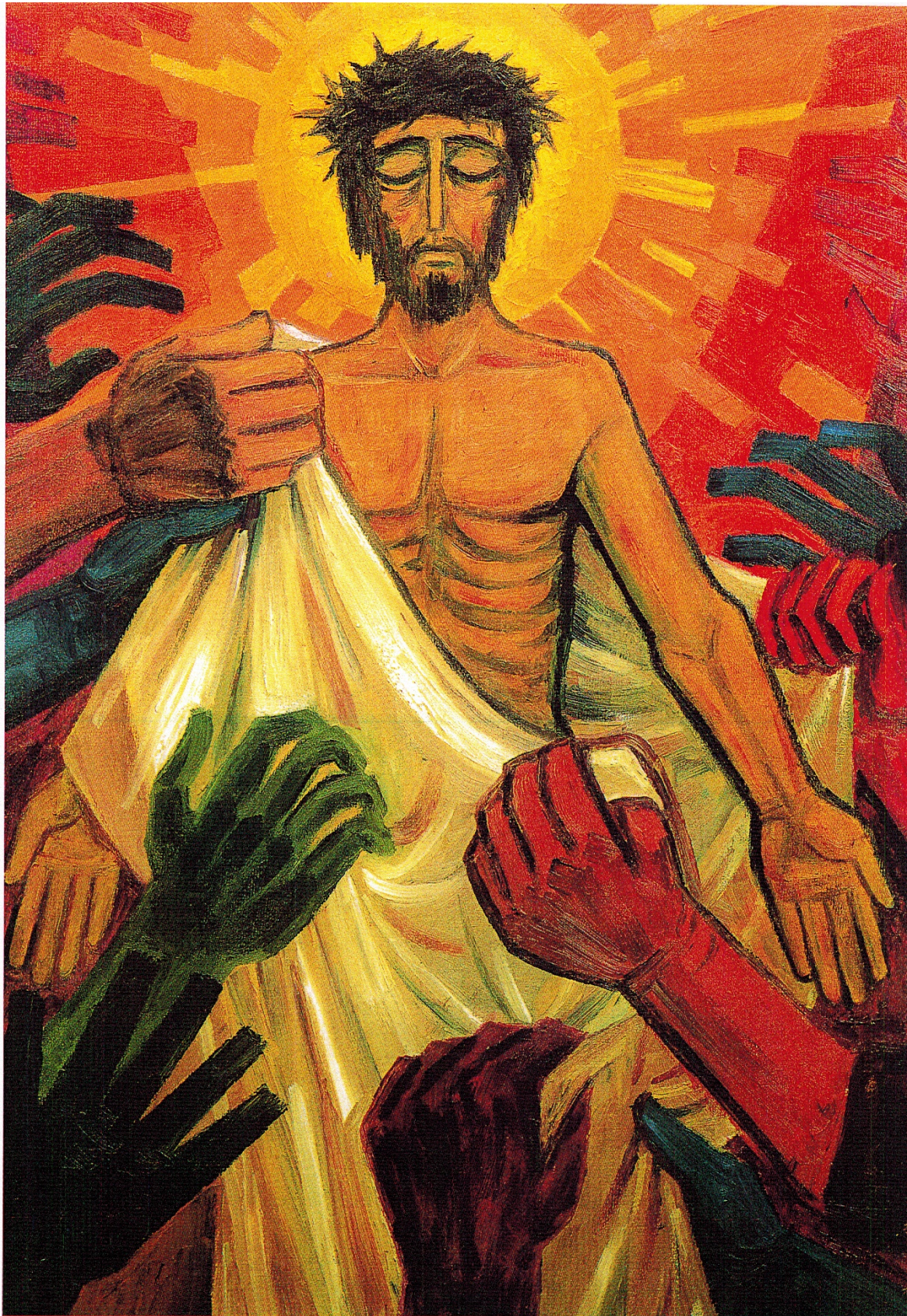


Reading: It's unbelievable that Jesus fell again and the soldiers didn't help him. They only yelled louder for him to get up and continue on. Jesus didn't get mad at them; he forgave them instead.

Prayer: Sometimes people say or do hurtful things to us or don't help us when we need them. Jesus, help me to forgive everyone like you did. Help me not to get angry or hold a grudge against someone who has hurt me.

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Station Ten: Jesus is stripped of his garments

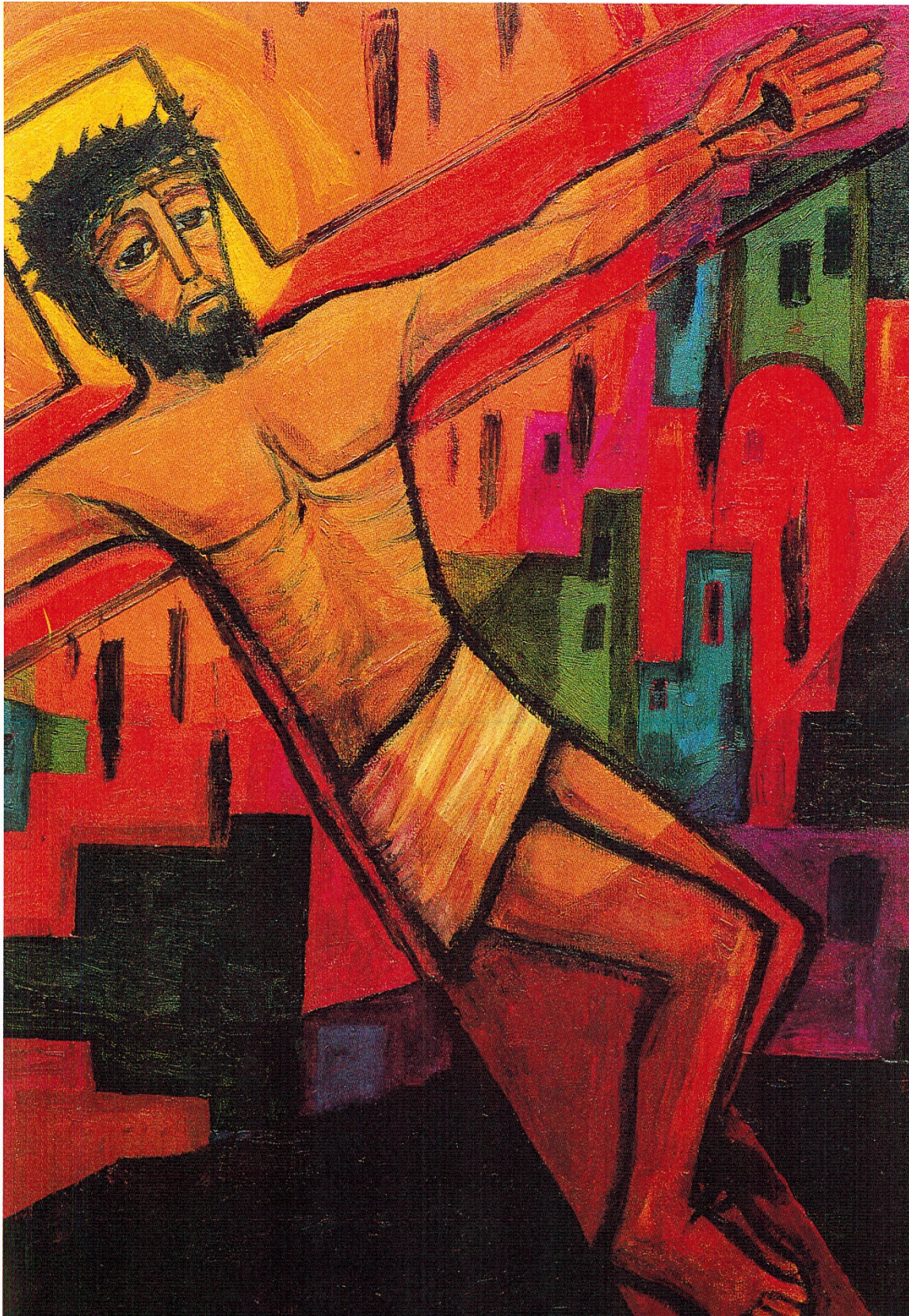


Reading: To be without clothes in front of everyone is a humiliating thing. Jesus wasn't ashamed because he knew his Father in heaven loved him and everyone who was there.

Prayer: Jesus, I want to know how much you and the Father love me, so I will never be embarrassed or ashamed.

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Station Eleven: Jesus is nailed to the cross

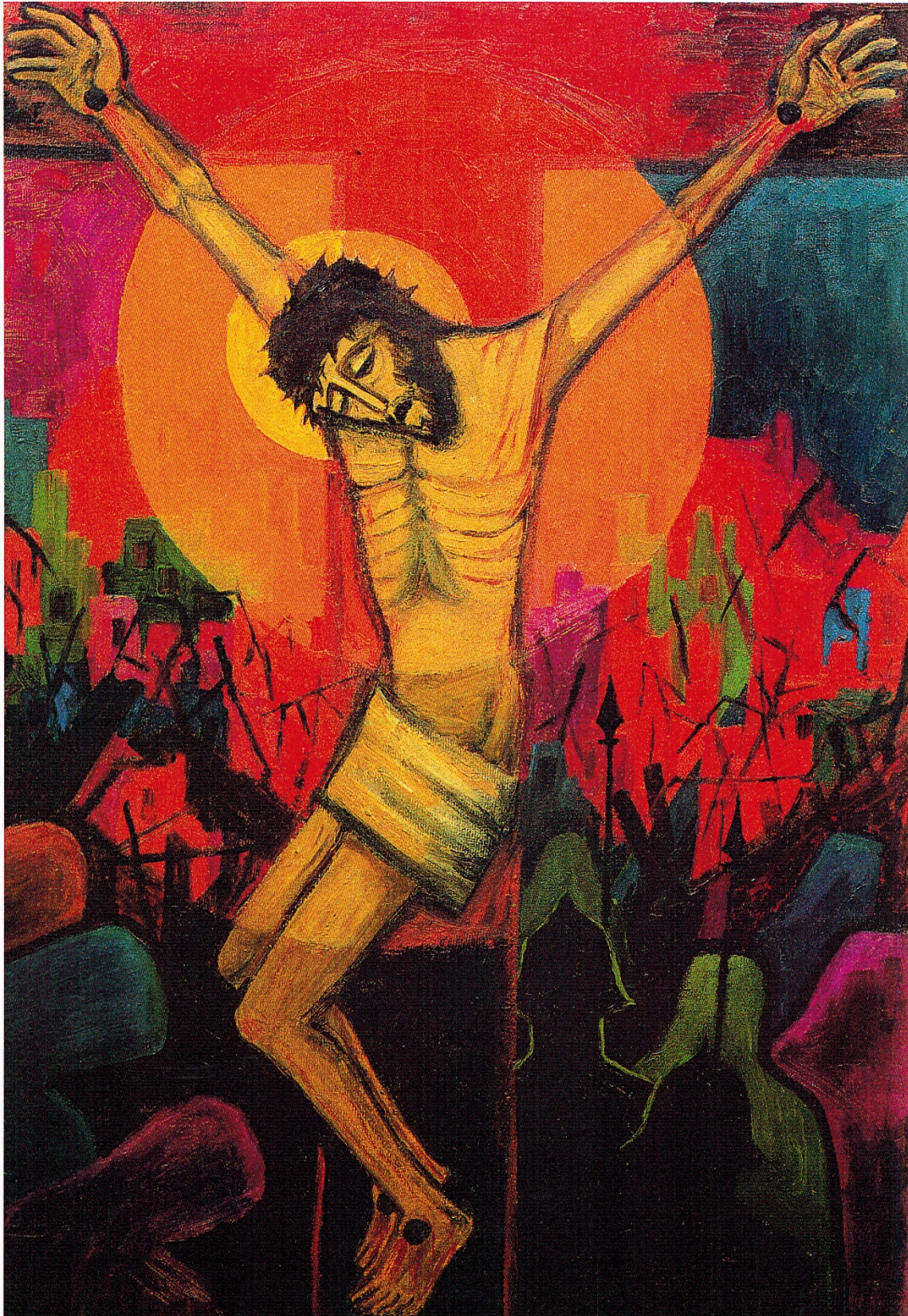


Reading: The soldiers drove nails through Jesus' hands and feet. They lifted up the cross and put it in place. Jesus was in a lot of pain.

Prayer: Many people suffer pain every day from being sick, hungry, poor, and because of war or natural disasters. Jesus, please comfort everyone who is in pain today.

Response: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
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Station Twelve: Jesus dies



Reading: When Jesus died, the sky turned dark and the ground started to shake. This made some people very scared. They saw that Jesus was innocent and that they had made a big mistake.

Prayer: Jesus, help me to admit when I make mistakes. Help me to say I'm sorry. Thank you for always forgiving me. I love you, and I want to do the right thing.

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Station Thirteen: Jesus is taken down from the cross



Reading: Joseph of Arimathea gave Jesus his own burial cave because Jesus didn't have a place to be buried. Joseph was another one of Jesus' friends who took a risk to help him.

Prayer: Sometimes it is risky to step out and help people who are in need. Jesus, I want to be a risk-taker and help others. Give me love and courage.

Response: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
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Station Fourteen: Jesus is laid in the tomb



Reading: Even when things look very difficult and sad, there is always hope that God can bring new life.

Prayer: Jesus, I believe that you died and rose from the dead so that I could have new life. Thank you!

Response: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
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Lord's Prayer

Kneeling at the foot of the cross, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Special Prayer for the Day

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore.
Amen.