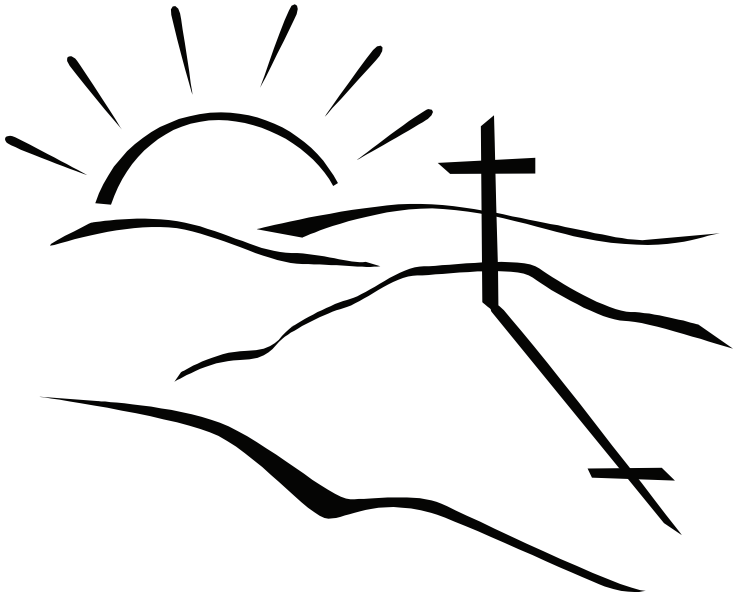


Stations of the Cross with All of Creation



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Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time

Most Vulnerable First to Collapse

Reader I

Jesus was in agony and prayed to be given strength to endure his suffering.

Reader II

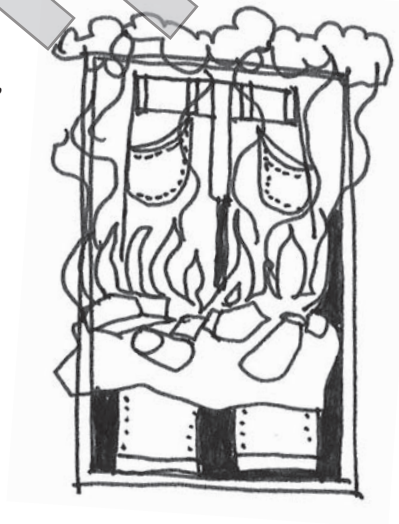
Caring for God's creation and working for justice with people who are poor are inseparable missions in today's world.

Proverbs 31:8-9

“Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

The Cross in All of Creation

The decision of a major U.S. garment corporation to produce jeans in Lesotho, Africa promised to boost the economy of one of the world's poorest nations. Before long, tons of dangerous waste was being dumped into municipal landfills where child rag pickers fight for scraps among denim, needles, razors and harmful chemicals. The dumps are always on fire spewing toxic chemicals into the air, and the river, which is used for cooking water and bathing, has turned blue and is full of chemical effluent.



Reflection

How do my lifestyle choices affect those who are the most vulnerable?