

Station eleven: Jesus is nailed to the cross

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

It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews'. And they crucified two bandits with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Mark 15: 25-27

Jesus is nailed to His cross and crucified between two bandits. He has been tried and falsely sentenced. The lies that have been told about Him determine His fate. His accusers have closed their ears and refuse to listen to Him. He is labelled as a criminal.

The systems and policies that those needing help face are usually rooted in mistrust and unbelief. People must be telling lies, exaggerating their stories, looking for advantages that they don't deserve. They are scrutinised and examined. They are deemed untrustworthy. They are detained and treated like criminals.

We ask that You who have endured false accusations and maltreatment will be their comfort. We pray that the systems and policies of governments and organisations may be rooted in love and truth, not suspicion and hostility.

I love you, Jesus, my love above all things,

And I repent with my whole heart of 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.