

REFLECTION:

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Good Friday

The Passion and Death of
Our Lord Jesus Christ
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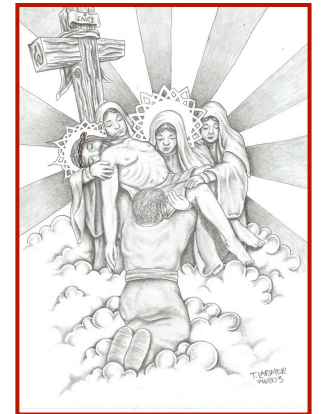
WISDOM FROM THE CELLS

Dear Mom, I am very sorry for the pain I caused you. I remember the first time you visited me when I was locked up.

I remember sitting at the police station feeling defeated, lost, confused, and afraid that I'll never be able to live life with you as a free man. I was so scared and next thing you know they called me for a visit the 2nd day of my initial arrest, and there you were mom, as you have always been. Telling me not to worry and that everything was going to be ok. I cried like a baby when I saw you that day, I felt like I disappointed you and failed you as a son.

I am sorry for all the pain and headaches my past behavior brought you. My change is dedicated to you and I hope to make you proud. I love you. Thank you for NEVER giving up on me and for being here loving me as you son and for being my biggest supporter. Love, your son.

-Saul, who is in a California State Prison.



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OPENING PRAYER

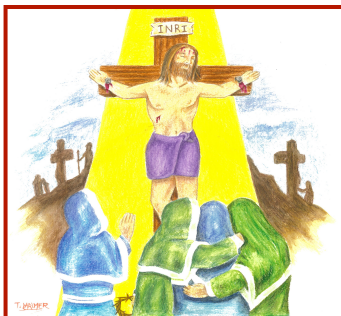
Let us pray:

Lord God,
You invite me to share in the glory of the resurrection. Stay with me as I struggle to see how accepting the crosses of my life will free me from the power of the one who wants only to destroy my love and trust in you. Help me to be humble and be accepting like your son, Jesus. I want to turn to you with the same trust he had in you love. Save me, Lord. Only you can save me and bring me to the light. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Mary,
You received Jesus in your arms. You held him in your arms. You bathed him one last time. Even in this darkness, you had other mothers help you. Even in this darkness, you were able to feel your son's presence.

Be with me, Mary, in times of darkness and tragedies. Let me know I am not alone. Hold me in your arms. Amen.



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