I Jesus is condemned to death by Pilate

The arms race is the taproot of all violence today. Do we "wash our hands" of responsibility for what is happening?

II Jesus bears his cross

Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki, are we willing to exert all our strength to lift the burden of the nuclear cross from the world?

III Jesus falls for the first time

Are we willing to make even small sacrifices in acting for peace and justice when so many throughout the world persist in spite of imprisonment, torture, and death?

IV Jesus meets his mother

Do we heed the pleas of mothers to know the whereabouts of their missing children in countries where our economic interests override our concern for human rights?

V Jesus is helped by Simon

Do we support young people who struggle with their consciences about whether to say "no" to war by refusing to register for the draft?

VI Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Is "massive retaliation" in the image of the One who said to us all from his cross, "Forgive them Father, they know not what they do?"

VII Jesus falls the second time

Is our witness validated by love for those whom we may regard as our persecutors?

VIII Jesus speaks to the women

He tells them, "Do not weep for me, but weep for your children."

Can we afford any longer to ignore Christ's message of love when the weapons we have put our faith in threaten the future of the world's children?

IX Jesus falls a third time

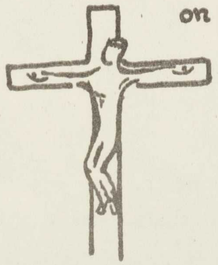
Are we willing to open our hearts to the homeless, the elderly, the mentally ill... to all who struggle to survive while social service budgets decrease and military expenditures spiral?

X Jesus is stripped of his garments

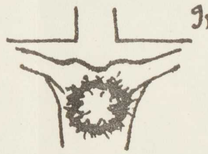
Do we silently acquiesce while preparations for war strip the world's people of their most basic needs and even of life itself?

XI Jesus is nailed to the cross

How long can we turn our backs on preparations to slaughter the innocents of the world?

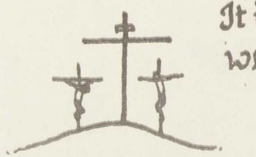


XII Jesus dies on the cross



In his death, Jesus became one with all the men and women who have been killed because they choose to stand with the poor and oppressed.

XIII Jesus is taken from the cross



It is midnight. Darkness and defeat pervade. Where do we turn in the face of such defeat?

XIV Jesus is laid in the sepulchre

Sister Maura Clark, one of the four U.S. Missionaries killed in El Salvador, wrote just before her death: "One strong lesson for me is that there must be a new life of joy, hope and resurrection. All these precious people - shot up, cut up with machetes, cannot have laid down their lives in vain. I believe in life after death as I never did before."