

## CHAPTER 14 – EXILE AND REMEMBRANCE

**SCRIPTURE:** *O Lord, You willed that your Son should lay down his life to gather into one your scattered children. . .*

Based on the prayer over the gifts,  
Mass for Refugees and Exiles, Roman Missal

**WE BELIEVE** God's love for his people is everlasting. Even if we suffer "exile" because of our sins, God is with us and loves us.

### OUR FAITH WORDS

**Exile** Exile is the forced removal of people from their homeland to another land. The Israelites captured by the Assyrians were living in exile.

**Messiah** A messiah is a person chosen to save people from a particular fate. The word means "savior". Jesus Christ is our Messiah, chosen by God to free us from sin and death.

The Church continues the role of the prophets by proclaiming the truth of Christ's life, Death, and Resurrection. Our daily behavior should reflect that truth. At our Baptism, each of us was entrusted with a special mission. It is our responsibility to spread the word of Salvation.

In the Sacraments, especially in the celebration of the liturgy, we meet Christ and receive grace to continue our journey to our heavenly home. All the members of the Church – those here on Earth and those already in Heaven – form one Body of Christ. We all join in praise and thanksgiving for God's goodness.

What are some ways that you can help in this special mission in which you have been entrusted?

## PRAYER CELEBRATION

LEADER: Jesus took all our sins upon himself and asked forgiveness for our offenses, placing His trust in God. According to the Scriptures, as Jesus died, he called out to God in the words of Psalm 22. We pray these words in the good Friday liturgy.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, far from my prayer, from the words of my cry?

O my God, I cry out by day, and you answer not by night, and there is no relief for me.

Yet you are enthroned in the holy place, O glory of Israel!

In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and they escaped; in you they trusted, and they were not put to shame.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. All the families of the nations shall bow down before Him.

For dominion is the Lord's, and he rules the nations.

Let the coming generation be told of the Lord that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.