

**Tenth Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross:**

“When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ... When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, ‘Certainly this man was innocent.’” (Luke 23:33,47)

Jesus offers His life for the salvation of humanity. In His immense love, he does not ask anything for himself; he only asks for God the Father to forgive those who hurt Him. Jesus was crucified next to criminals, even though He was not a criminal.

In Nicaragua, as in many other countries, the Catholic Church is not tolerated by the Government; their bishops, priests, and sisters are expelled, jailed, and persecuted simply for practicing their faith, following the steps of Jesus and standing with His people. We pray that the hostility against the Catholic Church ends in Nicaragua and worldwide; we pray for the faithful not to lose their faith. Let us continue to offer our prayers and support for Christians everywhere who suffer because of their faith in Christ.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me” – Matthew 5: 10-12

**Let us pray:** Father, we pray that you grant us the grace and love of Jesus to forgive those who unjustly attack us; we also pray for our brothers and sisters who are not allowed to practice their faith freely, **Amen**