

"The Seven Sayings From The Cross."

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1-We prize most highly the last words of our friends.

2-These words of Jesus, which come to us from the borderland, bring a peculiar solemnity.

3-We are to consider the last saying of our Lord which were spoken from the cross.

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5- A word of human care: John 19:26-27;

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therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! (27) Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

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①-A Prayer for his executioners:

Luke 23:34;

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Matthew 5:44;

But I say unto you; love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you.

1-Our encouragement to pray for our enemies:

1-The inspiration of our Lrd's example.

2-Stephen's example Acts 7:60;

And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell <sup>as</sup> asleep.

3-Paul's example-2-Tim.4:16;

At my first answer no man stood with me: I ~~pray~~ God that it may <sup>not</sup> be laid to their charge.

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2-"I have accomplished all that was written in the prophets."

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