

## Holy Week Prayer for Exiles

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Christ,  
From Thy Easter-breeding cross  
Cast the red seeds  
Of Thy solace  
On the war-delled  
And sorrow-disked  
Hearts  
Of the wretched  
Displaced and in exile.

Bid them learn from Thy wanderings  
That the feet  
Of one exile  
Found their rest  
On the cross.

Sancta Maria,  
Lady Mother,  
Whose feet  
Sought the far sands of Egypt  
And climbed up  
The heart-scalding hill  
Of the cross,  
Pity poor mothers  
Pushed from islands,  
Peninsulas,  
Mewed-up  
On mainlands  
And ground up  
As giblets  
( O the hard heart of mankind )  
To season the food  
Of false victories  
Now sold  
To the deaf and dumb great.

—A. P. C.

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A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he  
can afford to let alone.—Thoreau.