## **Good Friday Collection**

## **Please Give Generously**

Are you thankful you don't live in the Middle East? Are you frightened, disgusted, or saddened by the persecution and maltreatment of Christians there? Do you feel powerless to do anything because you live so far away?

All of us here and right now *can* help our fellow Christians in the Holy Land. We can personally make a difference through our praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

On Good Friday, the Church will take up a worldwide collection for the Holy Land – its people and its shrines. Your monetary support is desperately needed by those struggling to maintain our Faith and our physical presence there.

This is the time for us to be extra generous. If you gave nothing in the past, consider making some type of gift. If you gave a dollar last year, think of giving two. If you gave five dollars, why not make it seven or ten or even more? If you won't be at the Good Friday service, consider putting your gift in an envelope marked GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION and dropping it in the Sunday basket or mailing it to the parish office.

Christianity is rapidly disappearing from the Holy Land. For our brothers and sisters there, it is a daily struggle for survival.

You can join in their suffering by making a sacrificial gift yourself on Good Friday.