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"He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground."

Many survivors of sexual abuse suffer in silence for years, wrestling alone with the agony of their memories and pain. We pray that the Church may always be a place where they can come to share their stories, be received in love and compassion, and be supported on the path to healing.

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"Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."

The Father's gift of healing is a wonderous thing, bringing new life and hope from what was pain and despair. We pray for all survivors of sexual abuse, that they may come to abundant new life in the Risen Lord.

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"She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

Jesus, the Son of God, entered the world as a vulnerable child. He was not counted among the great and powerful, instead lying in a manger. We are called to protect all those who are vulnerable, especially children, by providing them with safe places to live and grow.

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"Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged."

The experience of sexual abuse may leave scars no less profound than the scars of scourging, though they often remain unseen. We must strive to make our parish communities places where survivors can feel safe to share their burdens and to find healing and peace.

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"As [the Apostles] were looking on, [Jesus] was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight."

Jesus ascended into heaven in the presence of his Apostles, making them witnesses to the whole world. We too are called to be witnesses, helping to build a society where the vulnerable are safe from those who would steal their trust and their innocence.

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"A voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'"

We are all beloved by God, precious in his sight. There is no room in Church ministry for those who would harm the vulnerable, betraying their trust and destroying their innocence. All members of the Church must do their part to make the Church and society safe for all.

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