

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**WAY OF THE CROSS LED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**  
*Rome, Colosseum*  
**"GOD IS MERCY"**

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[...] We instinctively try to run away from suffering, because suffering is repugnant to us. We come across so many faces disfigured by the afflictions of life and too often we turn away. How can we not see the face of the Lord in the face of the millions of exiles, refugees, and displaced persons who are fleeing in desperation from the horror of war, persecution and dictatorship? For every one of them, each with a unique face, God reveals himself always as the one who courageously comes to our aid. Like Veronica, the woman whose face is unknown to us, who lovingly wiped Jesus' face. [...]