

***“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” (John 12:32)***

**Glorification through Sacrifice** :- the Jews did not connect the passages in the prophets which deal with the “suffering servant” (Isa 53) to the Messianic Fulfillment. The apostles were confused at the concept of fulfillment through suffering. Just as a grain of wheat had to die in order to give increase, so Christ must die to fulfill his mission.

**Cross, a sign of victory not defeat-a false idea is** :- that Christians never have problems or inner conflicts. It's not a matter of whether troubles will come, but how they are dealt with when they do come. To Christ and his Cross, the emphasis was on obeying God, and not on the miscarriage of justice. (Heb 5:7-9).

**The Cross is the place where we meet God** :- the Cross draws us because God speaks to us through it and has power (1 Cor 1:18, 22-24). The Cross is a word of open to all who suffer. In the Cross, both the justice and mercy of God are demonstrated (Rom. 3:24-26).

As we celebrate World Health Day, we pray that through the blood of Christ may all get physical and spiritual healing.

#### **Prayer**

***Dear victorious Lord make us witnesses of your love and peace so that through us others will be drawn to you. Amen.***