



The Stations of the Cross

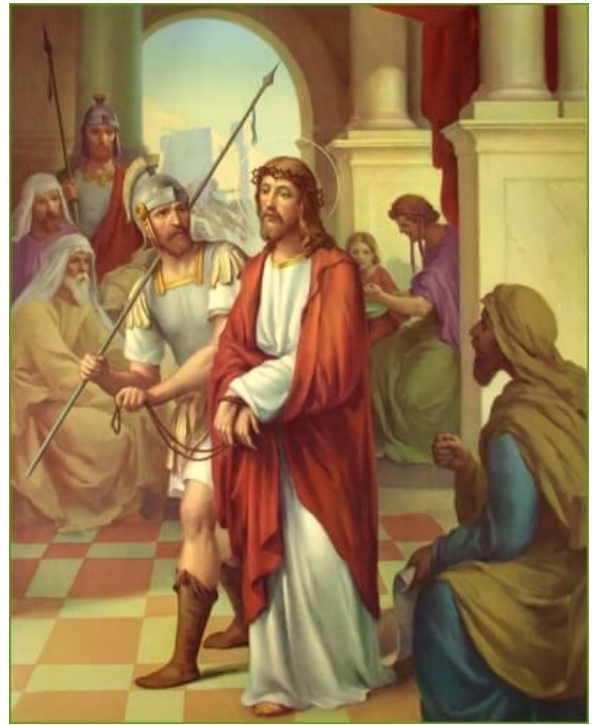
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The First Station

Pilate Condemns Jesus to Die

Priest: We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy
cross, You have redeemed the
world. (rise)



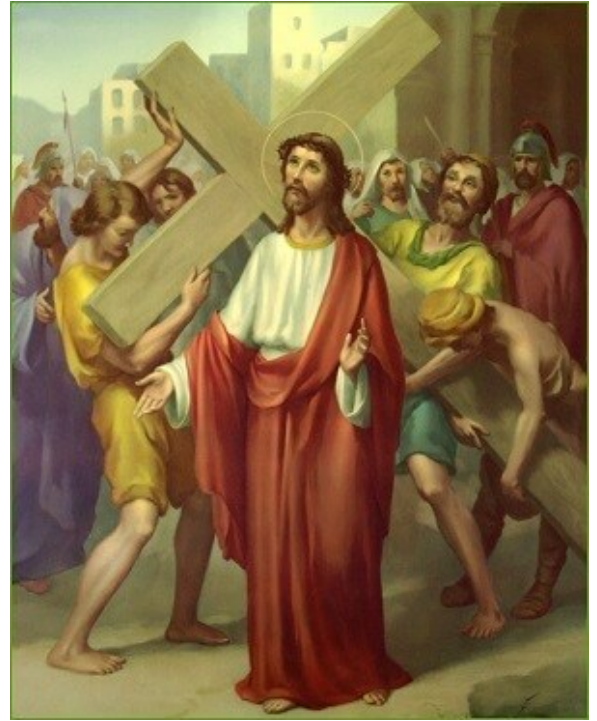
Priest: Consider how Jesus Christ, after being scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the cross. (kneel)

People: My adorable Jesus, it was not Pilate; no, it was my sins that condemned you to die. I beseech You, by the merits of this sorrowful journey, to assist my soul on its journey to eternity. I love You, beloved Jesus; I love You more than I love myself. With all my heart I repent of ever having offended You. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

*Through her heart, His sorrow sharing
all His bitter anguish bearing,
now at length the sword has passed.*

The Second Station

Jesus Accepts His Cross



Priest: We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy
cross, You have redeemed the
world. (rise)

Priest: Consider Jesus as He walked this road with the cross
on His shoulders, thinking of us, and offering to His Father
on our behalf, the death He was about to suffer. (kneel)

People: My most beloved Jesus, I embrace all the sufferings
You have destined for me until death. I beg You, by all You
suffered in carrying Your cross, to help me carry mine with
Your perfect peace and resignation. I love You, Jesus. I
repent of ever having offended You. Never let me separate
myself from You. Grant that I may love You always; and
then do with me as You will.

*O, how sad and sore depressed,
was that Mother highly blessed,
of the sole Begotten One.*

The Third Station

Jesus Falls the First Time

Priest: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (rise)



Priest: Consider the first fall of Jesus. Loss of blood from the scourging and crowning with thorns had so weakened Him that He could hardly walk; and yet He had to carry that great load upon His shoulders. As the soldiers struck Him cruelly, He fell several times under the heavy cross. (kneel)

People: My beloved Jesus, it was not the weight of the cross but the weight of my sins which made You suffer so much. By the merits of this first fall, save me from falling into mortal sin. I love you, Jesus, with all my heart; I am sorry that I have offended You. May I never offend You again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

*Christ above in torment hangs,
She beneath beholds the pangs,
of her dying, glorious Son.*

The Fourth Station

Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother

Priest: We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy
cross, You have redeemed the
world. (rise)



Priest: Consider how the Son met His Mother on His way to
Calvary. Jesus and Mary gaze at each other. Their looks
became as so many arrows to wound those hearts which
loved each other so tenderly. (kneel)

People: My most loving Jesus, by the pain You suffered in
this meeting, grant me the grace of being truly devoted to
Your most holy Mother. And you, my Queen, who was
overwhelmed with sorrow, obtain for me by your prayers
a tender and lasting remembrance of the passion of your
divine Son. I love You, Jesus, above all things. I repent of
ever having offended You. Never allow me to offend You
again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with
me as You will.

*Is there one who would not weep,
'whelmed in miseries so deep,
Christ's dear Mother to behold.*

The Fifth Station

Simon Helps Carry the Cross



Priest: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (rise)

Priest: Consider how weak and weary Jesus was. At each step He was at the point of expiring. Fearing that He would die on the way when they wished Him to die the infamous death of the cross, they forced Simon of Cyrene to help carry the cross after Our Lord. (kneel)

People: My beloved Jesus, I will not refuse the cross as Simon did: I accept it and embrace it. I accept, in particular, the death that is destined for me with all the pains that may accompany it. I unite it to Your death, and I offer it to You. You have died for love of me; I will die for love of You and to please You. Help me by Your grace. I love You, Jesus. I repent of ever having offended You. Never let me offend You again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

*Can the human heart refrain
from partaking in her pain,
in that Mother's pain untold?*

The Sixth Station

Veronica Offers Her Veil to Jesus



Priest: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (rise)

Priest: Consider the compassion of the holy woman, Veronica. Seeing Jesus in such distress, His face bathed in sweat and blood, she presented Him with her veil. Jesus wiped His face and left upon the cloth the image of His sacred countenance. (kneel)

People: My beloved Jesus, Your face was beautiful before You began this journey; but now it no longer appears beautiful and is disfigured with wounds and blood. Alas, my soul also was beautiful when it received Your grace in Baptism; but I have since disfigured it with my sins. You alone, my Redeemer, can restore it to its former beauty. Do this by the merits of Your passion; and then do with me as You will.

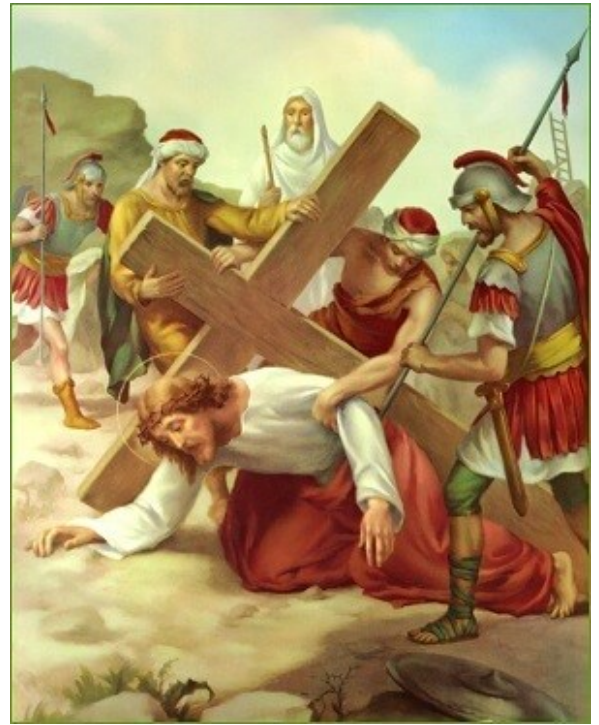
*Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled;
She beheld her tender Child,
all with bloody scourges rent.*

The Seventh Station

Jesus Falls the Second Time

Priest: We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy
cross, You have redeemed the
world. (rise)



Priest: Consider how the second fall of Jesus under His
cross renews the pain in all the wounds of the head and
members of our afflicted Lord. (kneel)

People: My most gentle Jesus, how many times You have
forgiven me; and how many times I have fallen again and
begun again to offend You! By the merits of this second fall,
give me the grace to persevere in Your love until death.
Grant, that in all my temptations, I may always have
recourse to You. I love You, Jesus, with all my heart; I am
sorry that I have offended You. Never let me offend You
again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with
me as You will.

*For the sins of His own nation
saw Him hang in desolation,
till His spirit forth He sent.*

The Eighth Station

Jesus Speaks to the Women



Priest: We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy
cross, You have redeemed the
world. (rise)

Priest: Consider how the women wept with compassion
seeing Jesus so distressed and dripping with blood as He
walked along. Jesus said to them, “Weep not so much for
me, but rather for your children.” (kneel)

People: My Jesus, laden with sorrows, I weep for the sins
which I have committed against You because of the
punishment I deserve for them; and, still more, because of
the displeasure they have caused You who have loved me
with an infinite love. It is Your love, more than the fear of
hell, which makes me weep for my sins. My Jesus, I love
you more than myself; I am sorry that I have offended You.
Never let allow me to offend You again. Grant that I may
love You always; and then do with me as You will.

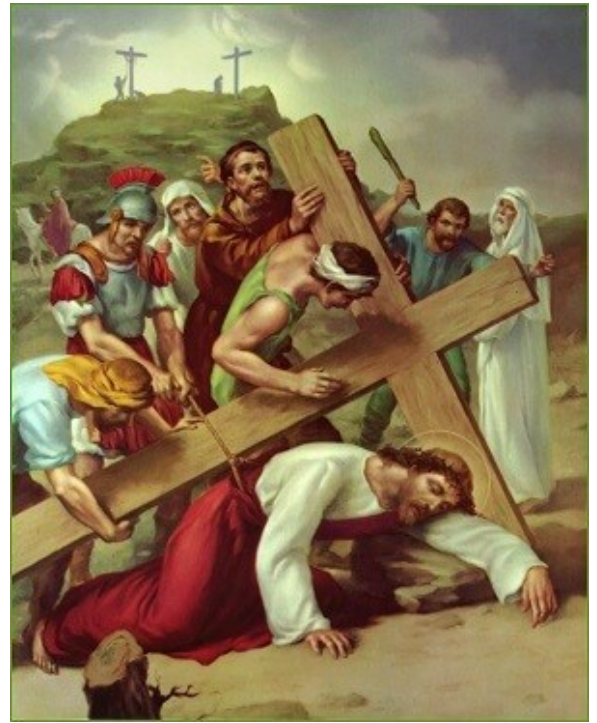
*O sweet Mother, fount of love,
touch my spirit from above,
make my heart with Yours accord.*

The Ninth Station

Jesus Falls the Third Time

Priest: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (rise)



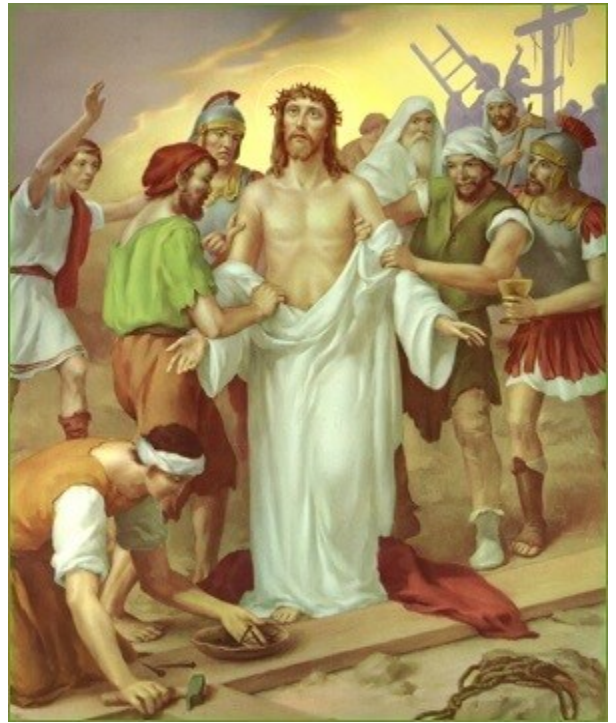
Priest: Consider how Jesus Christ fell for the third time. He was extremely weak and the cruelty of His executioners was excessive; they tried to hasten His steps though He hardly had strength to move. (kneel)

People: My outraged Jesus, by the weakness You suffered in going to Calvary, give me enough strength to overcome all human disrespect and all my evil passions which have led me to despise Your friendship. I love you, Jesus, with all my heart. I am so sorry for ever having offended You. Never permit me to offend You again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

*Make me feel as You have felt,
make my soul to glow and melt,
with the love of Christ, my Lord.*

The Tenth Station

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments



Priest: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (rise)

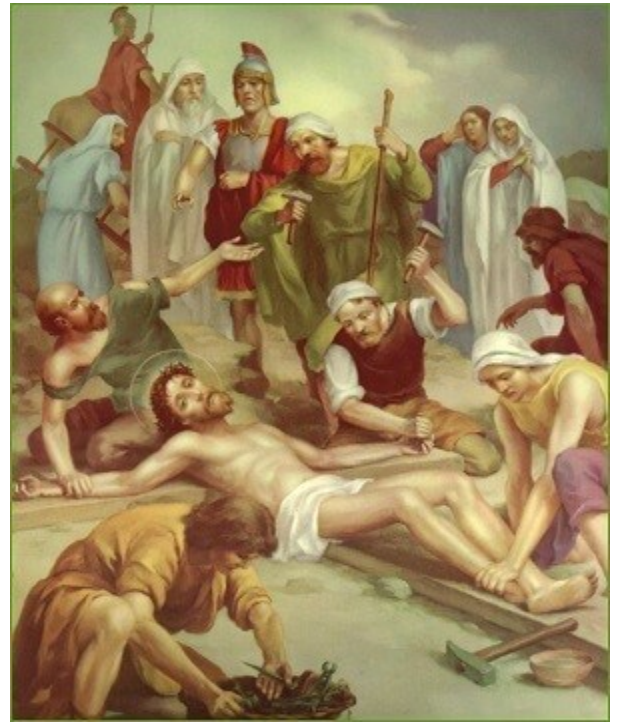
Priest: Consider how Jesus was violently stripped of His clothes by His executioners. The inner garments adhered to His lacerated flesh, and the soldiers tore them off so roughly that the skin came with them. Have pity for Your Savior who was so cruelly treated, and tell Him: (kneel)

People: My innocent Jesus, by the torment You suffered in being stripped of Your garments, help me to strip myself of all attachment for the things of earth that I may place all my love in You who are so worthy of my love. I love you, Jesus, with all my heart; I am sorry for ever having offended You. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

*Holy Mother, pierce me through,
in my heart each wound renew,
of my Savior crucified.*

The Eleventh Station

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross



Priest: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (rise)

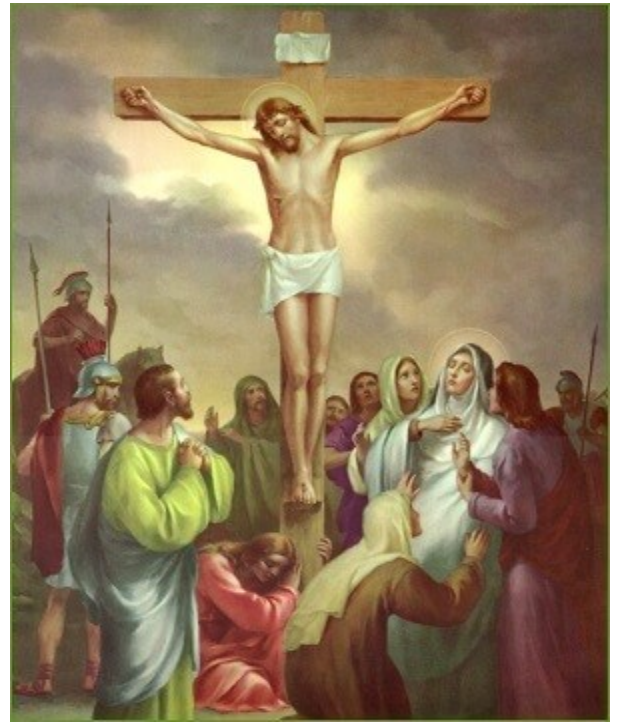
Priest: Consider Jesus, thrown down upon the cross, He stretched out His arms and offered to His eternal Father the sacrifice of His life for our salvation. They nailed His hands and feet, and then, raising the cross, left Him to die in anguish. (kneel)

People: My despised Jesus, nail my heart to the cross that it may always remain there to love You and never leave You again. I love You more than myself; I am sorry for ever having offended You. Never permit me to offend You again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

*Let me share with you His pain,
who for all our sins was slain,
who for me in torments died.*

The Twelfth Station

Jesus Dies Upon the Cross



Priest: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (rise)

Priest: Consider how Your Jesus, after three hours of agony on the cross, is finally overwhelmed with suffering and abandoned Himself to the weight of His body, bows His head, and dies. (kneel)

People: My dying Jesus, I devoutly kiss the cross on which You would die for love of me. I deserve, because of my sins, to die a terrible death; but Your death is my hope. By the merits of Your death, give me the grace to die embracing Your feet and burning with love of You. I yield my soul into Your hands. I love You with my whole heart. I am sorry that I have offended You. Never let me offend You again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

*Let me mingle tears with thee,
mourning Him who mourned for me,
all the days that I may live.*

The Thirteenth Station

Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross



Priest: We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy
cross, You have redeemed the
world. (rise)

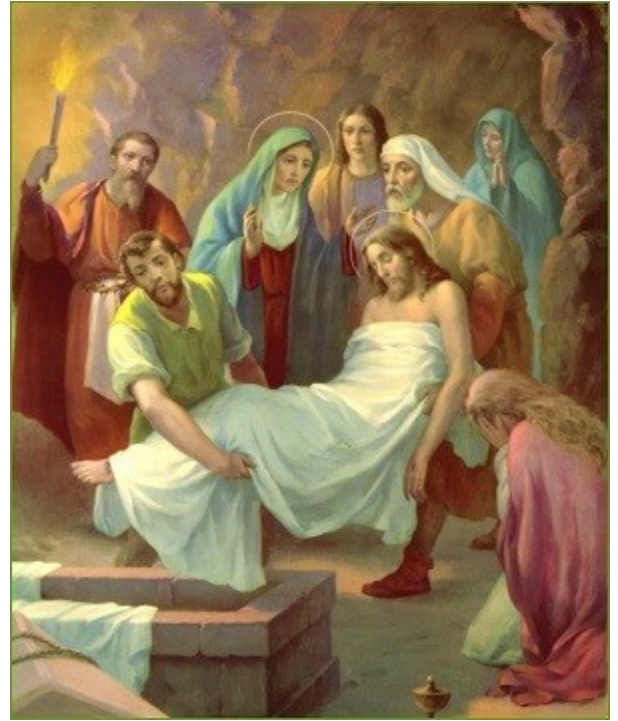
Priest: Consider how, after our Lord had died, He was taken down from the cross by two of His disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, and placed in the arms of His afflicted Mother. She received Him with unutterable tenderness and pressed Him close to her bosom. (kneel)

People: O Mother of Sorrows, for the love of Your Son, accept me as Your servant and pray to Him for me. My Redeemer, since You have died for me, allow me to love You, for I desire only You and nothing more. I love You, Jesus, and I am sorry that I have offended You. Never let me offend You again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

*By the cross with You to stay,
there with You to weep and pray,
is all I ask of You to give.*

The Fourteenth Station

Jesus is Placed in the Sepulcher



Priest: We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You. (genuflect)

People: Because, by Your holy
cross, You have redeemed the
world. (rise)

Priest: Consider how the disciples carried the body of Jesus
to its burial, while His holy Mother went with them and
arranged it in the sepulcher with her own hands. Then they
closed the tomb and all departed. (kneel)

People: Oh, my buried Jesus, I kiss the stone that closes You
in. But You gloriously did rise again on the third day. I beg
You by Your resurrection that I may be raised gloriously on
the last day, to be united with You in heaven, to praise You
and love You forever. I love You, Jesus, and I repent of ever
having offended You. Grant that I may love You always;
and then do with me as You will.

*Virgin of all virgins blest,
listen to my fond request,
let me share your grief divine.*

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