THE ANGELUS



LEADER: The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

ALL: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

LEADER: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

ALL: Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

LEADER: And the Word was made flesh.

ALL: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

LEADER:

Pray for us, most Holy Mother of God.

ALL:

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel.

May, by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Way of the Cross **SET A**



In the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit AMEN.

Leader: Let us pray.

AII: My Lord Jesus Christ, You have made this journey to die for me with unspeakable love,

and I have so many times unworthily abandoned You; but now I love You with my whole heart, and because love You, repent sincerely for ever having offended You. Pardon me, my God, and permit me to accompany You on this journey.

You gave up Your life for love of me; I wish also, my beloved Redeemer, to live and die for love of You. My Jesus, help me make You the centre of all do.

FIRST STATION

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH



LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND



Leader:

Leaving the house of Caiaphas where He has been blasphemed, and the house of Herod where he has been mocked, Jesus is dragged before Pilate.

His back is torn with scourges, His head is crowned with thorns; He, who on the last day will judge the living and the dead, is Himself condemned to a most undeserving death.

LET US KNEEL





It was for us that You suffered, my Lord Jesus; it was for our sins that You were condemned to die.

Grant that we may detest them from the bottom of our hearts and, by this repentance, obtain Your mercy and pardon.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



At the Cross her station keeping, Stood the mournful mother weeping, **Close to Jesus to the last.**

SECOND STATION

JESUS RECEIVES THE CROSS

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND



Leader:

A heavy cross is laid upon the bruised shoulders of Jesus.

He receives it with meekness and a secret joy, for it is the instrument by which He is to redeem the world.

LET US KNEEL





O Jesus! Grant us, by virtue of Your cross, the same fortitude that we, too, may embrace with cheerful submission the many difficulties which come our way;

help us to be ever ready to take up our cross and to follow You.



Have mercy on us.

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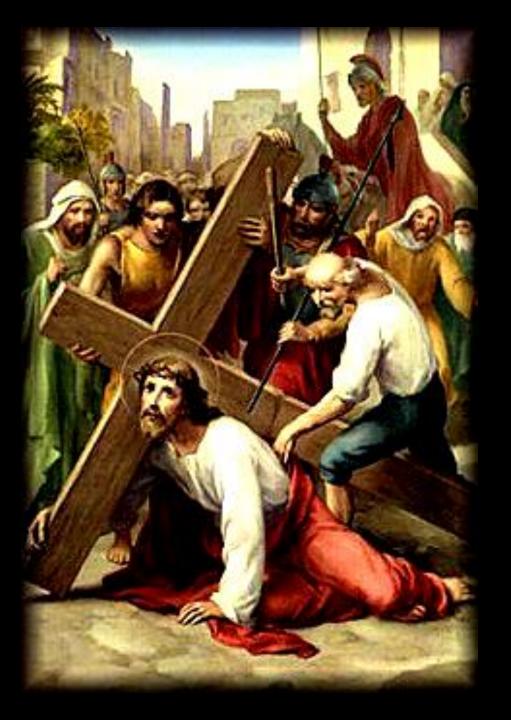
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



Through her heart His sorrow sharing, All His bitter anguish bearing, Now at length the sword has passed.



THIRD STATION

JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND



Leader:

Bowed down under the weight of the cross, Jesus slowly sets out on the way to Calvary, braving the mocking and insults of the crowd.

His agony in the garden has exhausted His body; He is sore with blows and wounds; His strength fails Him and He falls to the ground under the cross.

LET US KNEEL



O Jesus, who for our sins bore the heavy burden of the cross, and fell under its weight,

may the thoughts of Your suffering make us watchful over ourselves, and save us from any grievous fall into sin.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

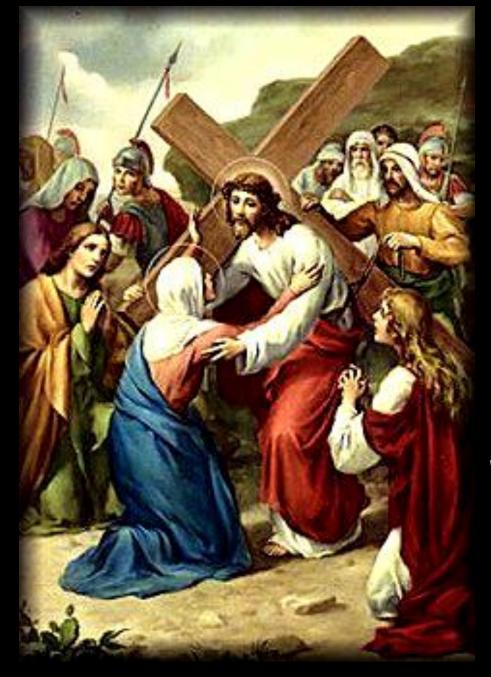
LET US STAND



Oh, how sad and sore distressed Was that Mother highly blessed, **Of the sole-begotten One!**

FOURTH STATION

JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER, MARY



LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND



Leader: **Still burdened with His** cross, and weakened yet more by His fall, Jesus proceeds on His way.

He is met by His Mother, Mary. What a meeting that must have been! What a sword of anguish must have pierced that Mother's heart!

What must have been the compassion of that Son for His holy Mother!

LET US KNEEL



All:

O Jesus, by the compassion which You felt for Your Mother, have compassion on us and give us a share in her intercession.

O Mary, most afflicted Mother, intercede for us that, through the suffering of Your Son, we may be delivered from the wrath to come.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



Christ above in torment hangs; She beneath beholds the pangs Of her dying glorious Son.

FIFTH STATION

SIMON HELPS JESUS CARRY THE CROSS

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND



Leader:

As the strength of Jesus fails and He is unable to proceed, His executioners seize and compel Simon of **Cyrene to carry His cross.**

The virtue of that cross changes Simon's heart and, from a compulsory task, it becomes a privilege and a joy.

LET US KNEEL



AII: O Lord Jesus, may it also be our privilege to bear Your cross; may we glory in nothing else. By it may the world be crucified unto us and we unto the world.

May we never shrink from suffering, but rather rejoice if we may be counted worthy to suffer for Your name's sake.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



Is there one who would not weep; Whelmed in miseries so deep **Christ's dear Mother to** behold?

SIXTH STATION

VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND





As Jesus proceeds on the way, covered with the sweat of death, a woman, moved with compassion, makes her way through the crowd and wipes His face with a handkerchief.

As a reward for her charity, the impression of His sacred countenance is miraculously imprinted on the handkerchief.

LET US KNEEL



O Jesus, may the contemplation of Your suffering move us with the deepest compassion, make us hate our sins,

and kindle in our hearts more fervent love for You. May Your image be engraven in our minds until we are transformed into Your likeness.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



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



SEVENTH STATION

JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND





With the pain of His wounds and the loss of blood increasing at every step of His way, His strength fails Him; Jesus falls to the ground again, a second time.

LET US KNEEL



All:

O Jesus, falling again under the burden of our sins, and of Your suffering for our sins,

how often have we grieved You by our repeated falls into sin! We pray that we will have the strength and the courage never to offend You again!



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled, She beheld her tender Child All with bloody scourges rent.



EIGHTH STATION

JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND





At the sight of His suffering, some women in the crowd are so touched with sympathy that they openly cry for Jesus.

Jesus, knowing the things that will come to pass upon Jerusalem because of the rejection of Him, turns to them and says: "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

LET US KNEEL



O Lord Jesus, we mourn, and will mourn, both for You and for ourselves for Your pain and suffering, and also for our sins which caused them.

Teach us so to mourn, that we may be comforted, and that we may be spared the dreadful judgments prepared for all who reject or neglect You in this life.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

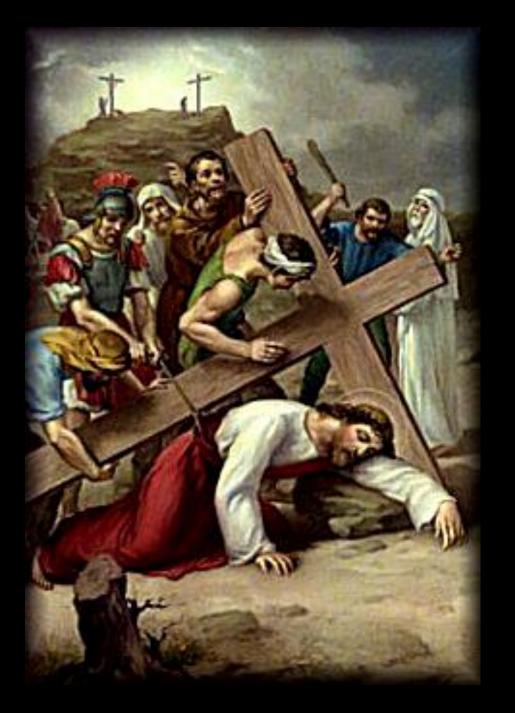
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



For the sins of His own nation Saw Him hang in desolation, Till His spirit forth He sent.



NINTH STATION

JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND





Jesus has now arrived almost at the summit of Calvary, but before He reaches the spot where He is to be crucified, His strength fails Him yet again,

and He falls a third time, only to be roughly dragged up and goaded onward by the brutal soldiers.

LET US KNEEL



AII: O Lord Jesus, we entreat You, by the merits of this Your third fall, to pardon our frequent lapses and our propensity to fall into sin;

may the memory of what You went through for us lead us to build within ourselves a firm resolve not to repeat anything that will hurt You even more.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

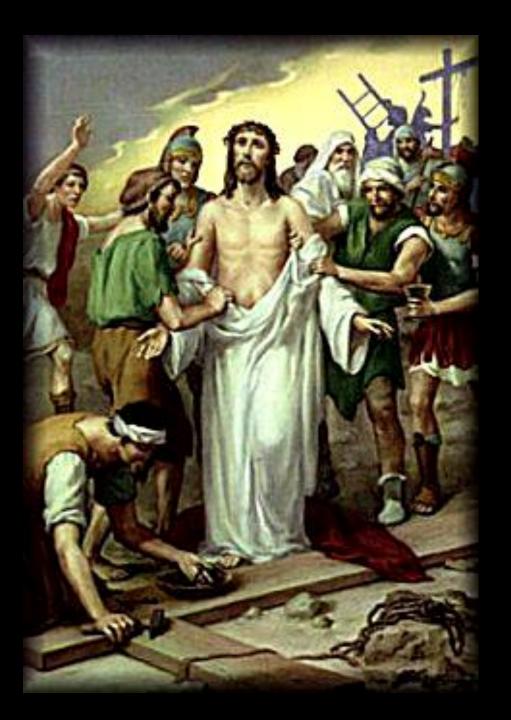
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



O thou Mother! Fount of love! Touch my spirit from above, Make my heart with thine accord.



TENTH STATION

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND





Arriving at last at the place of sacrifice, they prepare to crucify Him; His garments are torn from His bleeding body,

and He, the Holy of Holies, stands exposed to the vulgar gaze of the rude and scoffing multitude.

LET US KNEEL



O Lord Jesus, You endured this shame for us and for our sins. Strip us, we beseech You, of all false humility, conceit, and pride;

teach us to truly humble ourselves in this life, that we may, by Your Father's grace, be looked upon favourably at the hour of our death.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

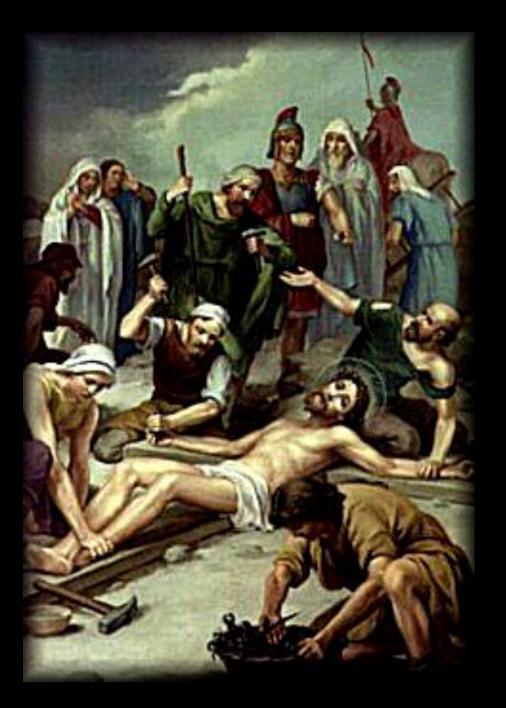
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<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



Make me feel as thou hast felt; Make my soul to glow and melt With the love of Christ, my Lord.



ELEVENTH STATION

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND





The cross is laid upon the ground, and Jesus is stretched upon His bed of death.

He offers His bruised limbs to His executioners to be nailed to the wood; it is an offer to His heavenly Father on behalf of all of us, sinful men and women.

The blows are struck and the blood gushes out!

LET US KNEEL



All:

Lord Jesus nailed to the cross, fasten our hearts there also, that they may be united with You until death shall strike us with its fatal blow,

and with our last breath we shall have yielded up our souls to You.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

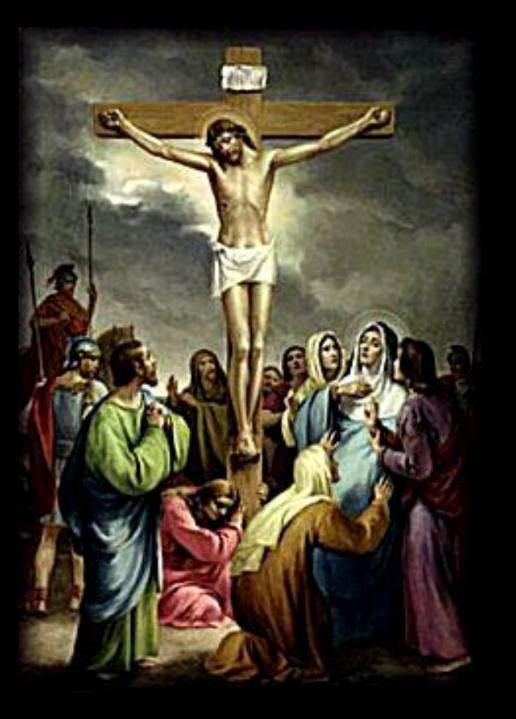
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



Holy Mother! Pierce me through; In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified.



TWELFTH STATION

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND





For three hours, Jesus hangs upon His transfixed hands; His blood runs in streams down His body and stains the ground;

despite the excruciating agony, He pardons His murderers, promises the bliss of paradise to the good thief, and commits **His blessed Mother and** beloved disciple to each other's care.

All is now consummated; meekly bowing down His head, He gives up His spirit.

LET US KNEEL





O Jesus, we embrace that glorious cross where You loved us even unto death.

In that death, we place all our confidence. From now on, let us live and die only for You; in dying for You, let us die loving You, and in Your sacred arms.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



Let me share with thee His pain, Who for all my sins was slain, Who for me in torment died.

THIRTEENTH STATION

JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND





The multitude have left the heights of Calvary, and none remain save the beloved disciple and the holy women who, at the foot of the cross,

are striving to stem the grief of Christ's inconsolable Mother. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take down the body of her Divine Son from the cross and deposit it in her arms.

LET US KNEEL



AII: Dear Mary, Mother most holy, you whose grief was as boundless as an ocean with no limits, let us who caused the pain share in your sorrow in penance for our sins.

Accept us as your children with the beloved disciple. Show yourself a mother to us; may He, through you, receive our prayers, the prayers of a chastened and very sorry people.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



Let me mingle tears with thee, Mourning Him who mourn'd for me, All the days that I may live.

FOURTEENTH STATION

JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

LET US KNEEL



Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. AII: **Because by Your holy Cross** You have redeemed the world.

LET US STAND





The body of her dearly beloved Son is taken from His Mother, and is laid by the disciples in the tomb.

The tomb is closed, and there the lifeless body remains until the hour of His glorious resurrection.

LET US KNEEL



All: We, too, O God, will descend into the grave whenever and wheresoever it shall please You.

Let Your decrees be fulfilled; let our sinful bodies return to their parent dust. Trusting in Your endless mercy, we plead that You will receive our immortal souls and,

when our bodies have risen again, that You will place them likewise in Your Kingdom where we may love and bless You for ever and ever. Amen.



Have mercy on us.

Leader:

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>All:</u> Amen.

LET US STAND



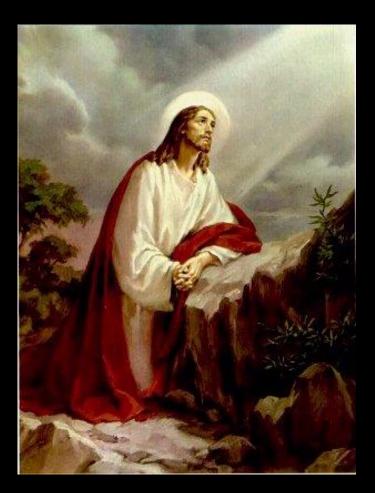
By the Cross with Thee to stay; There with Thee to weep and pray; Is all I ask of Thee to give.

Leader:

Let us now pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis.



The Lord's Prayer



Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Hail Mary



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. **Blessed art thou among** women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

In the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit AMEN.