

The
Fourteen Stations
of the
WAY OF THE CROSS
with
THE MEDITATIONS

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*Arranged for
Congregational Prayer*

WITH SCRIPTURAL WAY OF THE CROSS



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1. JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH



V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus, after having been scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the Cross.

MY Jesus, it was not Pilate, * no, it was my sins that condemned You to die. * I beg You, by the merits of this sorrowful journey, * to assist my soul in its journey toward eternity. * I love You, my beloved Jesus; * I love You more than myself; * I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. * Never permit me to separate myself from You again. * Grant that I may love You always; * and then do with me what You will. *

—Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

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

6. VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS



V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Consider how the holy woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus so afflicted, and His face bathed in sweat and blood, presented Him with a towel, with which He wiped His adorable face, leaving on it the impression of His holy countenance.

MY beloved Jesus, * Your face was beautiful before, * but in this journey it has lost all its beauty, * and wounds and blood have disfigured it. * My soul also was once beautiful, * when it received Your grace in Baptism; * but I have disfigured it since by my sins; * You alone, my Redeemer, can restore it to its former beauty. * Do this by Your Passion; * O Jesus. * I repent of having offended You. * Never permit me to offend You again. * Grant that I may love You always; * and then do with me what You will. *

—Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

Who, unmoved, behold her languish,
Underneath His cross of anguish,
'Mid the fierce, unpitying crowd?

After the Stations, say the “Our Father,” the “Hail Mary,” and the “Glory be to the Father,” five times, in honor of the Passion of Jesus Christ, and once for the intention of the Holy Father.

PRAYER TO JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED



BEHOLD, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself on my knees in Your sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul, I pray and beg You to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm desire of amendment, while with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Your five most precious Wounds; having before my eyes that which David spoke in prophecy: “They have pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones.”

The faithful who, after receiving Communion, recite this prayer before a picture of Christ Crucified may gain a plenary indulgence on any Friday in Lent and a partial indulgence on other days of the year, with the addition of prayers for the Holy Father’s intention. (No. 22.)