

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Kneeling before the altar, make an Act of Contrition, and form the intention of gaining the indulgences, whether for yourself or for the souls in Purgatory.

Then say:

MY Lord Jesus Christ, * You have made this journey to die for me with love unutterable, * and I have so many times unworthily abandoned You; * but now I love You with my whole heart, * and because I love You, I repent sincerely for having ever offended You. * Pardon me, my God, * and permit me to accompany You on this journey. * You go to die for love of me; * I wish also, my beloved Redeemer, to die for love of You. * My Jesus, I will live and die always united to You. *

*Dear Jesus You go to die
For very love of me;
Let me bear You company;
I wish to die with You.*

4. JESUS MEETS HIS SORROWFUL MOTHER



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

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

Consider the meeting of the Son and the Mother, which took place on this journey. Jesus and Mary looked at each other, and their looks became as so many arrows to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly.

MY most loving Jesus, * by the sorrow You experienced in this meeting, * grant me the grace of a truly devoted love for Your most holy Mother. * And you, my Queen, * who were overwhelmed with sorrow, * obtain for me by your intercession a continual remembrance of the Passion of your Son. * I love You, Jesus, my love; * I repent of ever 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.

Woe-begone, with heart's prostration,
Mother meek, the bitter Passion
Saw she of her glorious Son.