

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to our Stations of the Cross prayer service. Today we will walk with Jesus on his way to the cross. We want to remember how much Jesus loved us. He gave up his life so we could be free from sin and live together in his love, now and forever in heaven. Let us begin our prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening Prayer:

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For each statement the format will be as follows:

Name of the Station

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Readings

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
and then do with me what you will.**

After the Stations of the Cross the following prayer will be said:

Closing Prayer

God our Father, we thank you for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. He died on the cross to show how much you love us, and to lead us to eternal life. He is our true friend, our Saviour and our Lord. Fill our hearts with his tenderness, and help us love one another with his kindness. We make this prayer to you in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen
And may Almighty God bless us: Father Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

FIRST STATION - Jesus is condemned to death

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

you were condemned to death due to false witnesses.

Help me to be always truthful and never lie.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

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SECOND STATION - Jesus takes up his cross.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

Because of your great love for us you carried the cross.

We want to be like you.

Help us to accept our difficulties

And to help one another with joy.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
and then do with me what you will.**

THIRD STATION - Jesus falls for the first time.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

Help us to be always good

And if we fail

Forgive us and help us to try again.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

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FOURTH STATION - Jesus meets his mother.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

We want to always console you.

Help us to console and pray for those who suffer.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
and then do with me what you will.**

FIFTH STATION - Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

We promise to help everyone as Simon did

Especially our family and friends.

Give us the grace to always help those in need.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
and then do with me what you will.**

SIXTH STATION - Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

Help us to have the courage to show kindness and compassion to others.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
and then do with me what you will.**

SEVENTH STATION - Jesus falls for the second time.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

Our sins hurt you.

Help us to be sorry every time we misbehave.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
and then do with me what you will.**

EIGHT STATION - Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader:

Sometimes we cry when things do not turn out the way we want

And we make others feel bad.

Help us not to hurt others with our foolishness.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
and then do with me what you will.**

NINTH STATION - Jesus falls for the third time.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

You are teaching us that even if we fall many times

We can start again

With the help of your grace.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
and then do with me what you will.**

TENTH STATION - Jesus is stripped of his garments.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

Clothe us with your grace

To protect our innocence.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
and then do with me what you will.**

ELEVENTH STATION - Jesus is nailed to the cross.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

When you were nailed to the cross

You forgave all of our sins.

Help us to be obedient and good

And ready to forgive those who offend us.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
and then do with me what you will.**

TWELFTH STATION - Jesus dies on the cross.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for your great love,

For giving your life for us.

We want to love you more everyday

And make our lives a source of joy for you.

SILENCE

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
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THIRTEENTH STATION - Jesus is taken down from the cross.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

Your mother Mary cleaned your wounds with such love!

Help us to love everyone who wounds us.

Response

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I am sorry for having offended you.

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FOURTEENTH STATION - Jesus is buried.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

Prepare our hearts for you,

Make us your home,

And help us to love you more.

Response

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I am sorry for having offended you.

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and then do with me what you will.**

FIFTEENTH STATION – Jesus is risen.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Response: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader

Dear Jesus,

We celebrate your resurrection on Easter Sunday.

May we be with you in heaven one day.

Response

I love you, Jesus.

I am sorry for having offended you.

**Grant that I may love you always;
and then do with me what you will.**