

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Leader 1: Almighty, ever living God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your will by becoming man and giving His life on the cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share and His resurrection. We ask tHis through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:18–24

Leader 2: **FIRST STATION: PILATE CONDEMNS JESUS TO DIE**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

Leader 1: Jesus has been scourged and crowned with thorns. Now, Pilate unjustly condemns Him to die upon a cross.

All: Lord Jesus, we often judge others and fail to be understanding or loving. Help us to see the people in our lives through Your eyes and not the eyes of Pontius Pilate.



***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.***

***Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with You.
Blessed are You among
women,
and blessed is the fruit
of Your 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.***

Leader 2: **SECOND STATION: JESUS ACCEPTS HIS CROSS**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

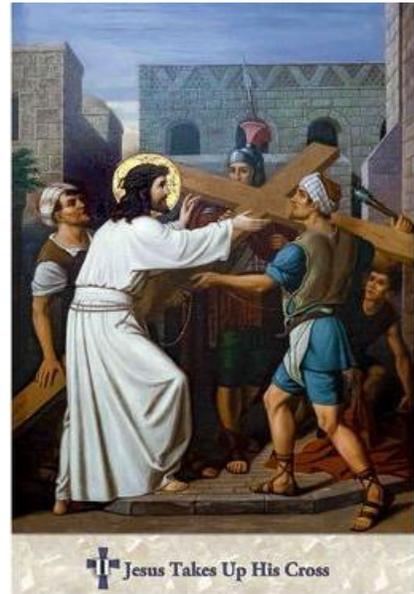
Leader 1: Jesus is given a cross to carry on His bleeding and bruised shoulders. He takes His cross upon Himself as He takes upon Himself all of our sins.

All: Lord Jesus You embraced Your cross to redeem the world. Help us to embrace the crosses of our lives, the hardships, struggles, disappointments, pain. Only by recognizing our own weaknesses, can we discover Your strength.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be



Leader 2: **THIRD STATION: JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

Leader 1: Jesus, we can buy all His suffering, stumbles and falls on the way to Calvary. He struggles and rises, despite His pain, to go on word to His death.

All: Lord Jesus, You know how often we fall trying to follow You. Yet You were always there to lift us up. Help us always to trust in Your loving care for us.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be



Leader 2: **FOURTH STATION: JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

Leader 1: Jesus, on His way to Calvary, sees His mother. Both are stricken with grief. Her love for Him is surpassed only by His love and concern for her.

All: Lord Jesus, Your mother Mary's grief was surpassed by her love for You. So often You come to us in others and their love gives us new life. Help us to see how often You love us through the people in our lives.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be



Leader 2: **FIFTH STATION: SIMON HELPS CARRY THE CROSS**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

Leader 1: Jesus is growing weaker. Fearing that He may not be able to go on, His executioners force Simon of Cyrene to help Him carry His cross.

All: Lord Jesus, sometimes we are indifferent to the needs of others in our lives. We even neglect those whom we love. Help us to see that loving others is the shortest way to find You in our lives.

Our Father

Hail Mary

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Leader 2: **SIXTH STATION: VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

Leader 1: Jesus' face is bathed in sweat and blood. Veronica, moved by pity, wipes His face with her veil and the image of His Holy face is imprinted on the cloth.

All: Lord Jesus, at times we are afraid to reach out to others. We do nothing when we should act, we say nothing when we should speak out. Give us a deeper and more courageous faith. Help us to trust that You are with us.

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Leader 2: **SEVENTH STATION: JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

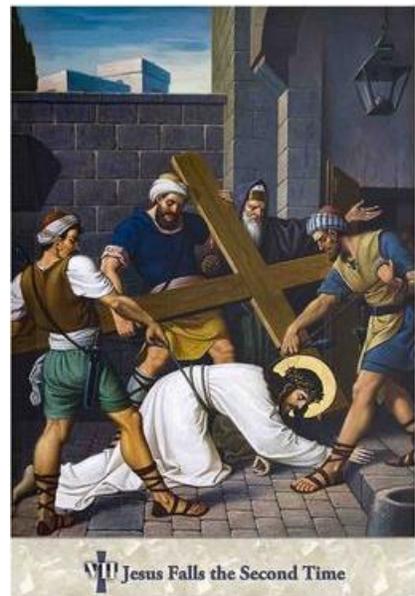
Leader 1: Jesus falls again under the weight of the cross. His executioners drag Him to His feet and force Him to go onward to Calvary.

All: Lord Jesus, failure and disappointment sometimes lead us to despair. We hide behind our pride and self-pity, withdrawing from You and others. Give us the hope we need and help us never to be afraid to begin again.

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Leader 2: **EIGHTH STATION: JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN**

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All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

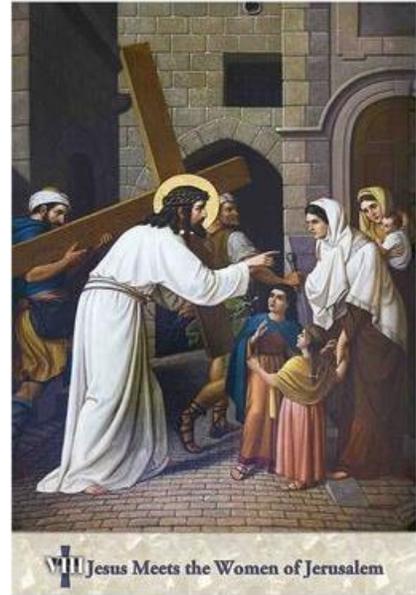
Leader 1: Jesus is so bruised and bleeding that the women of Jerusalem weep when they see Him. He tells them, "Weep not for me, but rather for Your children."

All: Lord Jesus, Your great compassion for others overwhelms us. We feel petty and selfish when we think of You and the way You love. Help us to pour out our love, that You might fill us with Your love.

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Leader 2: **NINTH STATION: JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

Leader 1: Jesus, weak and exhausted, falls for the third time. Though He hardly has the strength to move, they try to make Him walk faster.

All: Lord Jesus, Your failing strength makes me see how helpless we are. Without You, we can do nothing. Help us to rely on Your strength, to see how much we need You.

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Leader 2: **TENTH STATION: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

Leader 1: Jesus has reached the summit of Calvary, the place of His execution. As they strip Him of His garments, they re-open His bleeding wounds.

All: Lord Jesus, seeing You so cruelly humiliated make us realize how we cling to our accomplishments, our possessions, our way. Help us to let go of those things in our lives that prevent us from growing closer to You and others.

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Leader 2: **ELEVENTH STATION: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

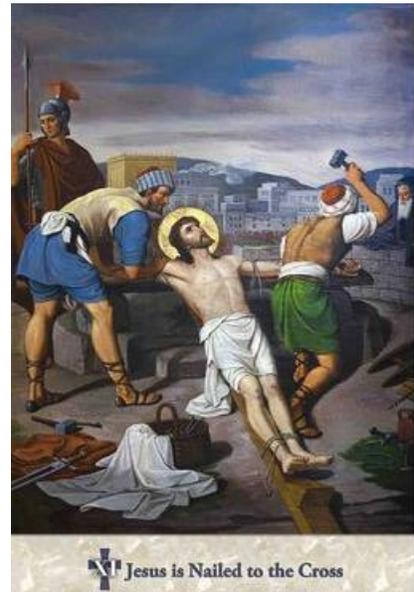
Leader 1: Jesus is now thrown up on the cross. His executioners violently stretch His limbs and fasten them with crude nails to the wood.

All: Lord Jesus, we can never doubt Your great love for us when we see You crucified. Help us to see Your cross as a great sign of Your love for us.

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Leader 2: **TWELFTH STATION: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. *(all kneel)*

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader 1: Jesus was crucified after three hours of agony and pain. He commands His Spirit to His Father bows His head and dies.

All: Lord Jesus, Your broken and lifeless body calls us to deeper faith. You choose death, even death on the cross. Help us to see our crosses as a way of loving You.

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(rise)



Leader 2: **THIRTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS TAKEN FROM THE CROSS**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. *(rise)*

Leader 1: Jesus' lifeless body is taken from the cross by His disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus. Tenderly, they place Him in the arms of His sorrowing Mother.

All: Lord Jesus, seeing Your body taken from the cross reminds us how fearful we are of letting go of our own lives. We are frightened when we think of being unimportant, useless, helpless. Help us to place our lives in Your hands.

Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be



Leader 2: **FOURTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB**

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

All: Because, by Your Holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*rise*)

Leader 1: Jesus' body is wrapped in a shroud and placed in a nearby sepulcher of a friend. Then, a large stone is rolled against the entrance and they depart.

All: Lord Jesus, when we see the great stone sealing Your tomb, we feel alone and abandoned. Even though You sometimes seem distant or absent in our lives, help us always to believe in Your closeness and living presence.



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Leader 1: *Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-9*

CLOSING PRAYER

All: Lord Jesus help me to walk with You each day of my life, even to Calvary. The sorrows and joys, the pains and healings, the failures and triumphs of my life are truly small deaths and resurrections that lead me to closeness with You. Give me the faith I trust I need to walk with You always. Amen.

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