

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast willed that Thy Son should bear for us the pains of the Cross that Thou mightest remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may obtain remission of our sins and redemption from everlasting death; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

✠ Christ Jesus Victor ✠

✠ Christ Jesus Ruler ✠

✠ Christ Jesus Lord and Redeemer ✠

*A plate is available in the narthex on the way out for those wishing to give alms.*



## The Stations of the Cross for Personal Devotions

✠ In Nomine Jesu ✠

*Begin somewhere in the front of the Church, near the first station. Kneel or stand, then read the following silently or very quietly:*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty and ever-living God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

It behooves us not to glory, save only in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.**

O God, who in the Passion of Thy Son didst show us the path to eternal glory by the way of the Cross: Graciously grant that as by our prayers we now follow him to the place of Calvary, so we may also share His triumph with Him for all eternity, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



### **The First Station** **Jesus Is Condemned to Death**

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

And in the morning the chief priests and the whole council, bound Jesus, and led Him away to deliver Him to Pilate. And they all condemned Him saying: He is guilty of death. And Pilate sat in the place of judgment and delivered Him to them to be crucified.

God has spared not His only Son.

**But He has delivered Him up for us all.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the fact that the Lord was condemned by the Law for your sins while you look at the first station. As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst come down to earth from the bosom of the Father in Heaven and didst shed Thy precious blood for the remission of our sins: We humbly beseech Thee that on the day of judgment we may be found on Thy right hand and hear Thy Words: Come, ye blessed of My Father, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



### **The Fourteenth Station** **Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb**

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

And Joseph, having taken down the body of Jesus, wrapped it up in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out in a rock. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell.

**Neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the Lord's fulfillment of the Sabbath Day and the Ceremonial Law by His rest in the tomb for you as you look at the final station. As a conclusion pray the following prayers:*

Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the Cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



### **The Thirteenth Station** **Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross**

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

O all ye that pass by the way, stop, and consider if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow. Mine eyes have failed with weeping; my whole being is troubled, and my strength is poured out upon the earth, as I behold the cruel death of my Son, for the enemy hath prevailed against Him. Call me not Naomi (that is, pleasant), but call me Mara (that is, bitter), for the Almighty hath quite filled me with bitterness.

The tears are on her cheeks.

**And there is none to comfort her.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the mystery of God in our Flesh suffering of physical death, allowing His body and soul to be separated, for your sins as you look at the thirteenth station.*

*As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

Almighty God, who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a Sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life, give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive this His inestimable benefit and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



### **The Second Station** **Jesus Takes Up His Cross**

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

And bearing His Cross He went forth to that place which is called Calvary. Hail, O Christ our King! Thou alone hast had pity on the folly of our sins. Obedient to the Father, Thou art led forth to be crucified, like an innocent lamb to the slaughter. To Thee be glory; to Thee be triumph and victory; to Thee the crown of highest honor and acclaim!

The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

**For the wickedness of His people He hath stricken Him.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the Lord's talking up of the Cross for you while you look at the second station. As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

O Lord, who hast said My yoke is easy and My burden is light: Grant that we by Thy grace may carry it, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



### The Third Station Jesus Falls

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled Himself unto death, even the death of the Cross. For which cause God hath highly exalted Him and hath given Him a Name that is above every name. Come, let us adore and bow down before God, let us weep in the presence of the Lord who made us, for He is indeed the Lord our God.

Surely He hath borne our infirmities.

**And He hath carried our sorrows.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the Lord's sorrows that He suffered for you while you look at the third station. As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own infirmities, may be restored through the Passion and intercession of Thine only-begotten Son; who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



### The Twelfth Station Jesus Dies on the Cross

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

When Jesus therefore had seen His mother and the disciple whom He loved, He said to His mother: woman, behold thy son. After that He saith to the disciple: Behold thy mother. And Jesus, when He had taken the vinegar, said: It is finished. And again, crying with a loud voice, He said: Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit. And bowing His head, He gave up the ghost.

Christ for our sake became obedient unto death:

**Even to death upon the Cross.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the Lord dying for your sins and the sins of the world as you look at the twelfth station. As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at the sixth hour didst mount the gibbet of the Cross for the redemption of the world, and didst shed Thy precious blood for the remission of our sins, grant us, we beseech Thee, that after our death we may enter with joy into the gates of Paradise; who does live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



**The Eleventh Station**  
**Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross**

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, they crucified Him there, with two thieves, one on His right and the other on His left, and Jesus in the midst. My people, what have I done to thee? I have exalted thee with great power, and thou hast hanged Me on the gibbet of the Cross.

They have pierced My hands and My feet.

**They have numbered all My bones.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the Lord being pierced for your transgressions as you look at the eleventh station. As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

O God, who by the Passion of Thine only-begotten Son, and by the five wounds from which His blood was poured, didst repair the evil wrought by sin in our human nature, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may obtain in Heaven the fruit of His most precious blood; who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



**The Fourth Station**  
**Jesus Meets His Mother**

*This station does not commemorate any specific event recounted by any of the four Evangelists.*

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

What can I say for thee, to what can I compare thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? To what can I liken thee, that I might comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? For great as the sea is thy distress; who can restore thee?

A sword of sorrow hath pierced thy soul.

**And hath filled thy heart with bitter pain.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the Lord's sharing of His sorrows with His mother while you look at the fourth station. As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, unto Thy servants the gift of Thy heavenly grace, that, as the Son of the Virgin Mary hath made us partakers of salvation, we may daily grow in grace; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



### **The Fifth Station** **Simon of Cyrene Carries the Cross**

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

And as they led Him away, they laid hold of one Simon of Cyrene, a passerby, and forced him to take up the Cross of Jesus. And they laid the Cross on him, to carry after Jesus.

Whosoever does not take up his Cross and follow Me:

**He cannot be My disciple.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about Simon of Cyrene being brought into the Lord's sorrows and service while you look at the fifth station.*

*As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

Receive our prayers, O Lord, and be gracious unto us, and in Thy mercy subdue to Thy service even our rebellious wills; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



### **The Tenth Station** **Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments**

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

And they came to the place that is called Golgotha, which is the place of Calvary. And they gave Him wine to drink, mingled with gall. And when He had tasted, He would not drink. And they divided His garments, casting lots; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: They divided My garments among them, and upon My vesture they did cast lots.

They gave me also gall for my meat.

**And in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the Lord's being laid bare before the world and Satan to forgive your sins as you look at the tenth station. As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

Take from us, O Lord, our former nature with its evil deeds and ways, and clothe us with that new nature which is created after the likeness of Christ in righteousness and in holiness of truth; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



### The Ninth Station Jesus Falls a Third Time

*This is the last of the traditional stations not specifically mentioned in the four Gospels.*

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

My people, what have I done to thee, or in what have I grieved thee? Answer Me. I brought thee out of the land of Egypt, and thou hast led Me to the gibbet of the Cross. Forty years I fed thee with manna in the desert, and thou hast beaten Me with blows and scourges. What more ought I do for Thee that I have not done?

He was led as a sheep to the slaughter.

**And as a sheep before the shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the Lord's exhaustion as He allowed Himself to be punished in your place while you look at the ninth station. As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

Guard us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy ever-present mercy, and since without Thee weak man must fail, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable unto our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



### The Sixth Station A Woman Shows Mercy to Jesus

*This station commemorates another legendary event not mentioned in the historical narratives of the Gospels.*

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

Lo, we have seen Him, and there is no beauty in Him nor comeliness; He is despised and the most abject of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with infirmity. His countenance is as it were hidden, whereupon we esteemed Him not. His appearance is inglorious among men, and His form among the children of men. And yet He is the beautiful one above all the sons of men, and by His stripes we are healed.

He was despised; He was rejected.

**And yet He opened not His mouth.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the fact that the Lord humbled Himself to be ministered to by human beings during His time of sorrows as you look at the sixth station. As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

O God, who dost renew us to Thine image by the precious blood of Jesus Christ Thy Son, lead our footsteps in Thy paths, so that we may truly obtain the gift of Thy divine charity; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



### **The Seventh Station** **Jesus Falls a Second Time**

*Again, this station is legendary and is not recounted in the Gospels.*

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

They delivered Me into the hands of the impious, they cast Me out amongst the wicked, and they spared not My soul. The powerful gathered together against Me, and like giants they stood against Me. And striking Me with cruel wounds, they mocked Me.

But I am a worm and no man.

**The reproach of men and the outcast of the people.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the Lord's endurance of every indignity for your sins as you look at the seventh station. As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

O God, who by the humility of Thy Son hast lifted up a fallen world, grant to Thy faithful people abiding joy, that those whom Thou hast delivered from the perils of eternal death, may come to enjoy unending happiness; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*



### **The Eighth Station** **Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem**

*Read the following verses silently or very quietly:*

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

**Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.**

And there followed Him a great multitude of people and of women who bewailed and lamented Him. But Jesus, turning to them, said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but for yourselves and for your children."

They that sow in tears

**Shall reap in joy.**

*Sit, kneel, or stand silently. Contemplate and pray about the Lord's weeping over Jerusalem and those who are lost as you look at the eighth station. As a conclusion pray the following prayer:*

O God, who dost choose rather to have mercy than to be angry with those who hope in Thee, grant that we may truly grieve for the evil we have done, and obtain the grace of Thy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*When you're ready, move to the next station.*