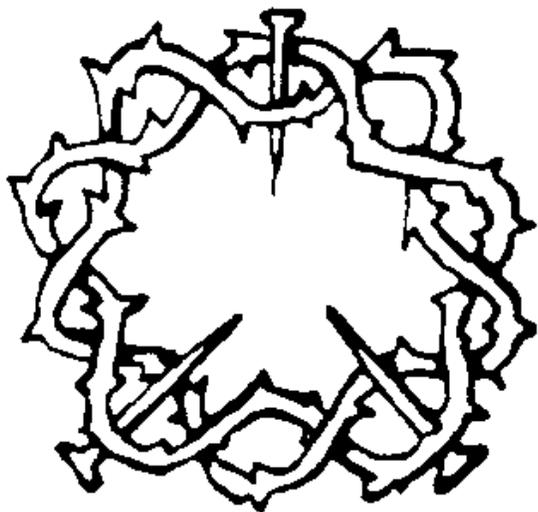


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# Stations of the Cross for Children



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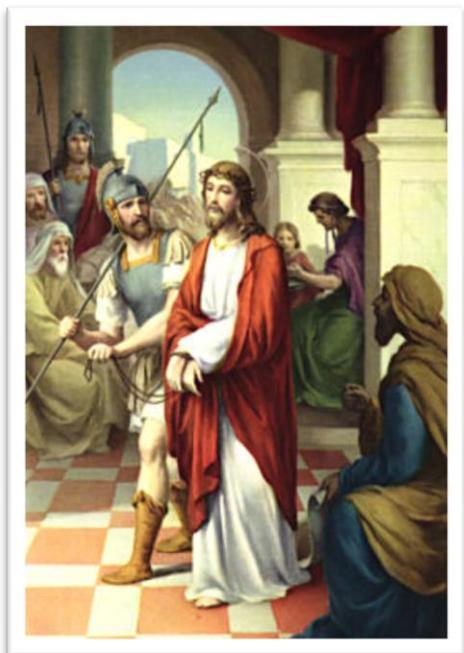
## Preparatory Prayer

DEAR JESUS, I adore You. / I love You / and thank You for dying on the cross for me. / I wish I could always think of You / and remember all that You have done. / But I get so busy / with lessons and play and other things / that often I forget. / I am so sorry, dear Jesus.

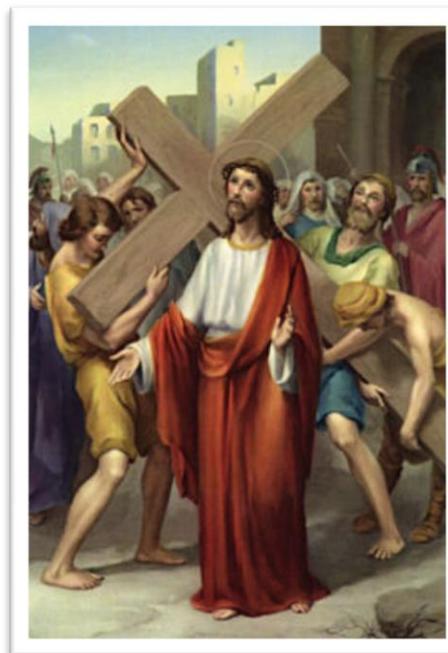
Today I want to follow You / up the hill of Calvary / and to understand a little better / at each station / all that it cost You / to make me God's child. / If I had been the only person in the world / You would have been willing to suffer / in just the same way.

How You must love me, dear Jesus! / Thank You for loving me so much. / Please teach me every day / to love You more and more.

I offer all the indulgences I can gain / for the poor souls in Purgatory.



**I. FIRST STATION**  
**Jesus Is Condemned to Death**



**II. SECOND STATION**  
**Jesus Is Made to Carry His Cross**



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*Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, Glory Be, etc., for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff to obtain the plenary indulgence.*

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**II. SECOND STATION  
Jesus Is Made to Carry His Cross**

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, the cross which they are laying on Your shoulders is so heavy / how it must hurt! / And You are all wounded and bleeding / how will You be able / to carry it up that steep hill? /

Teach me to remember / that when I sin / it hurts You / even more than the heavy cross. /

Through her heart His sorrow sharing,  
All His bitter anguish bearing,  
Now at length the sword had passed.



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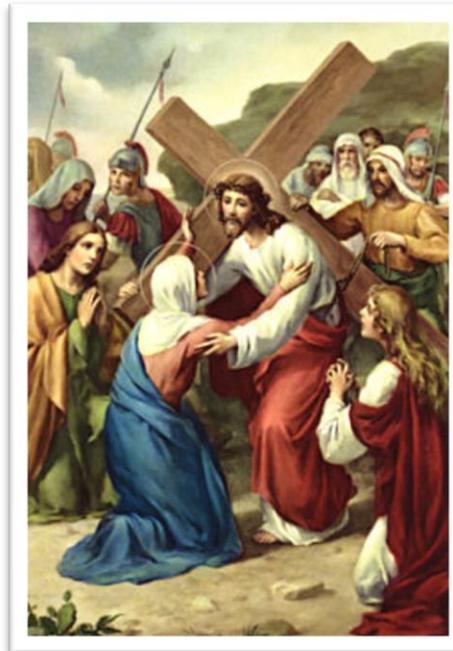
DEAR JESUS, there You stand a prisoner / and wicked men / have said that You must die. / But You have done nothing wrong. / You have spent Your whole life / in doing good to others. / I must always remember / that it was for me You died / so that I could go to Heaven / and be happy with You. / Teach me, dear Jesus / when I am blamed for something / even if unjustly / to be silent as You were / because I love You / and want to be like You.

*Optional: Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be, etc. after each.*

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



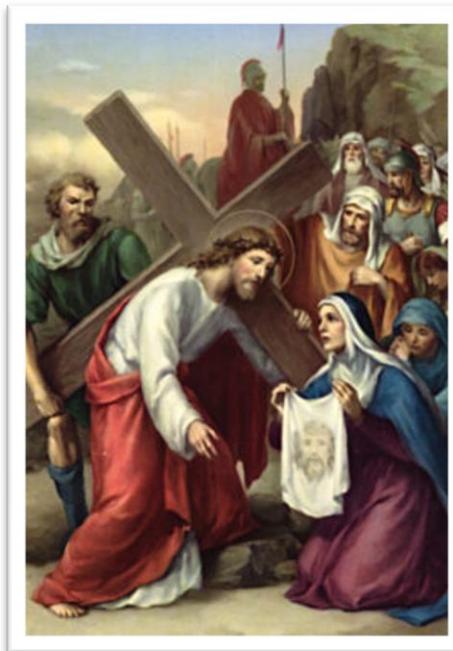
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V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
 R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, who is this waiting for You / standing close to the place / where you must pass? / It is Your own Blessed Mother / who loves You so much. / But how it hurts her / to see You so cruelly treated. / She wishes they would do all these things to her / instead of to You. / The soldiers will not let her say a word / she can only speak to You with her eyes as You pass by. /

Dear Jesus, teach me to love Your Blessed Mother very much.

**Christ above in torment hangs,  
 She beneath beholds the pangs  
 Of her dying glorious Son.**



**III. THIRD STATION**  
**Jesus Falls the First Time**

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
 R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, You are so weak and tired / that You can hardly walk / but the soldiers roughly order You / to start on Your journey. / After a few steps / You stumble and fall / but there is no one to help You / or speak to You kindly. /

How I wish I could have been there / to tell You that I love You / and was so sorry for You./

**Oh how sad and sore distressed,  
 Was that Mother highly blest,  
 Of the sole begotten One.**



**VI. SIXTH STATION**  
**Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus**

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
 R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, Your face was all covered with dust and blood / and the wicked people had been spitting on it. / The blood was trickling down / from the crown of thorns on Your head / right into Your eyes / when St. Veronica pushed her way through the crowd / and wiped Your face with her veil. / To thank her for being so brave / You left the picture of Your face / there on the veil. /

Teach me to remember / that I must never be afraid / to say I belong to You and am Your child.

**Can the human heart refrain,  
 From partaking in her pain,  
 In that Mother's pain untold?**



**V. FIFTH STATION**  
**Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry the Cross**

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
 R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, You are now so weak / that You cannot carry the cross alone any more. / The soldiers make a man named Simon help You with it. / I wish I had been Simon / so that I could have helped You.

But teach me to remember / that I am helping You even more now / when I show kindness to others / for Your sake. /

**Is there one who would not weep,  
 'Whelmed in miseries so deep,  
 Christ's dear Mother to behold?**



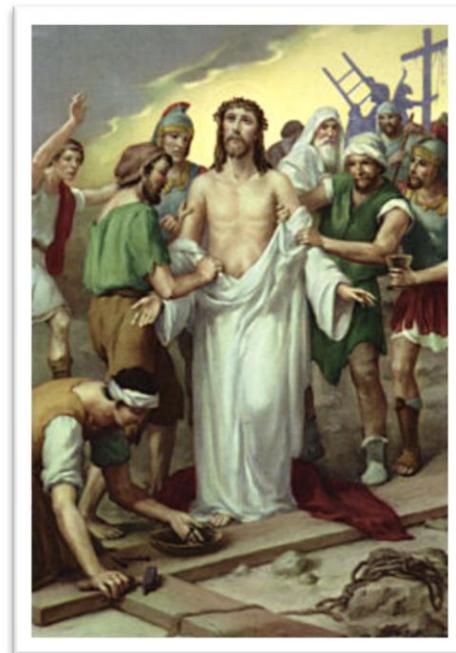
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**Jesus Speaks to the Women**



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**X. TENTH STATION**  
**Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments**



**VIII. EIGHTH STATION**  
**Jesus Speaks to the Women of**  
**Jerusalem**

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
 R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, there are some women waiting by the roadside / to see You pass. / They are so sorry for You / that they are crying. / You speak to them kindly / and tell them not to weep for You / but for themselves and their children / because many people are going to suffer terribly / as a punishment / for not having believed in You.

Teach me to be very sorry for my sins / not for fear of being punished for them / but because they hurt You.

**For the sins of His own nation,  
 Saw Him hang in desolation,  
 Till His Spirit forth He sent.**



**VII. SEVENTH STATION**  
**Jesus Falls the Second Time**

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
 R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, this time You fall more heavily than before / and it is harder to get up. / The soldiers push and strike You / to make You hurry along / when You can hardly walk. / It frightens me / to think how cruelly You are treated / You Who are my Lord and my God. /

Teach me to understand I what a dreadful thing sin is / because to pay for it / You suffered so much. /

**Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,  
 She beheld her tender Child,  
 All with bloody scourges rent.**



**X. TENTH STATION**  
**Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments**

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
 R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, at last You have reached the top of the hill / the place where You are to die. / There is a big crowd of people around You / they are laughing at You / and calling You wicked names. / Your dear Mother and Your friends cannot get near. / The executioner / roughly pulls off all Your garments / and the blood pours down. / It is just as if each one of those cruel wounds / had been given to You a second time / All the people are looking at You. /

Teach me to be willing sometimes / to give up little pleasures / and go without things that I want / because You suffered so much for me.

**Make me feel as thou hast felt,  
 Make my soul to glow and melt  
 With the love of Christ my Lord.**



**IX. NINTH STATION**  
**Jesus Falls the Third Time**

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
 R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, for the last time You stumble / and fall to the ground. / Shall You ever be able to get up again? / The cross crushes You with its weight / and the people around / wonder if You are not dead already. / But no / once more You climb to Your feet / and struggle forward up the hill. /

Teach me never to be discouraged I even if I keep falling into the same sins / but help me to begin again, at once / to obey You and to do Your will.

**O thou Mother! Fount of love!  
 Touch my spirit from above,  
 Make my heart with thine accord.**



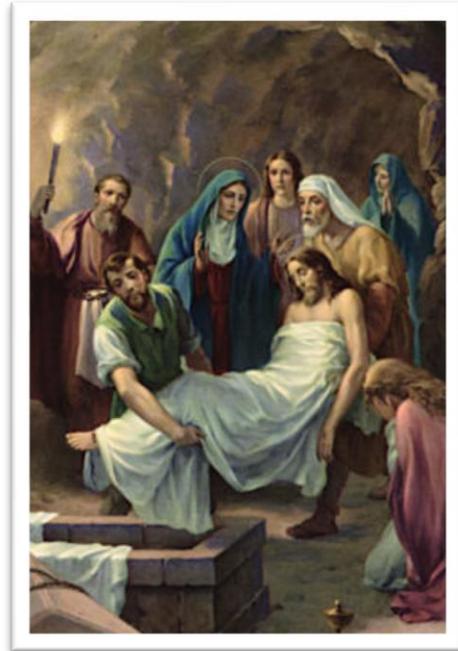
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**XIV. FOURTEENTH STATION**  
**Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb**



**XII. TWELFTH STATION**  
**Jesus Dies on the Cross**

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

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, You are hanging on the cross and dying. / You are dying for me / so that I can be God's child / and go to Heaven. / You are not angry with the wicked men / who killed You. / You have forgiven them / and You asked Your Father to forgive them, too. / The people are all going away. / I think some of them are beginning to be sorry. / Your Blessed Mother and Your friends / are standing close by the cross. / I wish I had been with them. / I would have stayed there / to the very end / to show how much I love You. Teach me always to forgive anyone / who is unkind to me / because You forgave Your murderers / when You hung dying on the cross.

**Let me share with thee His pain,  
 Who for all my sins was slain,  
 Who for me in torment died.**



**XI. ELEVENTH STATION**  
**Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross**

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

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, now they are putting big nails through Your hands and feet / to fasten You to the cross. / It hurts me only to prick my finger with a pin. / How much more those nails must hurt You! / When the executioner tells You / stretch out Your hand or Your foot / You obey him without saying a word. / And I / when I am told to do some little, easy thing / how often I disobey! / Teach me to be always perfectly obedient / because You were so obedient / when being nailed to the cross. /

**Holy Mother pierce me through;  
 In my heart each wound renew  
 Of my Saviour crucified.**



**XIV. FOURTEENTH STATION**  
**Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb**

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

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, You are all ready to be laid in the tomb. / Your wounds have been washed / and You are wrapped in clean white linen cloths. / You must be buried tonight. / In a garden close by / which belongs to one of Your friends / there is a new tomb cut in the rock. / Now, You are being carried there. / Your Blessed Mother looks at You for the last time / how can she bear to let You go? / But in three days, dear Jesus / You will rise from the dead / all bright and glorious / to go back to Heaven / never to suffer any more. Teach me, among the joys of earth / always to remember the joys of Heaven. / Help me to love You so much / that, when I die / I shall be happy with You there forever.

**By the Cross with thee to stay,  
 There with thee to weep, and pray,  
 That is all I ask of thee.**



**XIII. THIRTEENTH STATION**  
**Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross**

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

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

DEAR JESUS, it is very quiet now around the cross. / Everybody has gone away / but a few soldiers / and Your Mother and Your friends. / Two of Your friends bring a ladder / and oh, so slowly and carefully / they take You down / and lay You in the arms of Your Blessed Mother. / Her heart is breaking / as she looks at the crown of thorns / and the nails / and all Your dreadful wounds. /

Teach me to comfort Your dear Mother now / by never hurting You with my sins. /

**Let me mingle tears with thee,  
 Mourning Him Who mourned for me  
 All the days that I may live.**

