

Stations of the Cross



The First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death

John 18:36-40

Having asked "What is truth?" Pilate rejects the Truth who stands before him. Under this false condemnation Jesus sets out to free all people from the judgement due to sin.

Merciful Jesus, help me refrain from judging another harshly. — *Sister Paula Gero*



The Second Station: Jesus Carries His Cross

John 19:6, 15-17 Isaiah 53:1-4

Jesus went out, carrying his cross to "The Place of the Skull" as it is called. Today men and women carry many different crosses of poverty, persecution and exclusion for their faith or culture. They are oppressed by injustice and violence.

Loving Jesus, together with you, we embrace the cross that we are asked to carry. We rely on your strength each day of our life to walk faithfully with you. — *Sister Bela Mis*



The Third Station: Jesus falls the first time

Isaiah 53:4-7 Psalm 40:5-6

Jesus dropped to the ground under the weight of the cross after being stripped and scourged. Jesus bore our sorrows, offenses and failures by His death and resurrection.

Merciful Jesus, stay near as I stumble through LIFE's frustrations, transgressions and griefs. — *Sister Dolores Keller*



The Fourth Station: Jesus meets his mother

Luke 23: 27-29

On the way to Calvary Jesus meets His Mother Mary and a group of women. He asks them to mourn for themselves and others. How many mothers today are grieving for the sins of their children as well as the children that are being mistreated, in drugs, abused, victims of human trafficking, and refugees of violence?

Mother Mary, be with the mothers throughout the world who are separated from their children because of the evils of society; give them peace and protect their children that they too may encounter Jesus. — *Sister Marita Beumer*



The Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross

Mark 15:20-22 Luke 23:26

Although Simon was forced to help Jesus out of fear, through him we are given an example of how to be helpful to others.

For the times I had to be encouraged to help, forgive me. — *LaKesha Church*

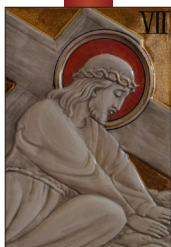


The Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Matthew 25:35-40 Sirach 6:14-17

"As long as you did it to one of these, you did it to me." Blessed today are those who show mercy instead of hatred. They are welcoming Jesus, wiping the blood from His eyes and replacing indifference with loving care.

Jesus, help me to be aware of another's suffering, and instead of ridicule or indifference, to offer them the drink they really need – that of mercy. — *Sister Mary Anne Schiller*



The Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time

Isaiah 53:4-6, 7, 9

Jesus, the heavy weight of sin committed by humankind caused you to fall the second time. You got up and did not quit.

Grant me the grace of Perseverance. Lord, be merciful to me. — *Sister Jane Francis Hoffman*

The Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Luke 23:27-31

Jesus looks lovingly into the eyes of the faithful women who weep and bewail His terrible suffering. Jesus dies a horrible death on the cross brought on by my sinfulness and that of a world which turns away from goodness.

Loving Jesus, help me shed tears of sorrow, not only for my own failings, but for the sin and suffering that is in the world around me. — *Sister Eleanor McNally*

The Ninth Station: Jesus falls a third time

Psalms 119:25-28 Psalm 27:1-3

His weakness was extreme and the cruelty of His executioners excessive. They tried to hasten His steps when He could scarcely move.

Loving Jesus, your failing strength makes me see how helpless I am. Without you I can do nothing. Help me to rely on your strength and mercy to see how much I need you. — *Sister Verlina Mescher*

The Tenth Station: Jesus' clothes are taken away

John 19:23-24

Jesus is stripped of his garments. Jesus yearns to reach out to the crowd and give his clothes to those in need.

Jesus, we are grateful for your many gifts to us, especially your gift of mercy. — *Sister Nadine Kaschalk*

The Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

Luke 23:33-34 Psalm 22:17-18

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Jesus set the ultimate example of mercy.

Jesus, help me to be merciful and forgiving when I feel I have been wronged by others. — *Sister Lou Ann Roof*

The Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the cross

Luke 23:44-46 John 19:30b

When Jesus took the wine he said, "Now it is finished." He bowed His head and delivered over his spirit. Jesus clearly states that He finished the work that God had given Him to do.

Jesus, help me to do all in my power through your grace to live moment by moment, day by day doing all that you wish of me so that when my time comes I can clearly say, "Now it is finished." — *Sister Noreen Jutte*

The Thirteenth Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross

John 19:31-35, 38a

After Jesus died, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate's permission to remove Jesus' body. The lifeless body of Jesus was taken down from the cross and his heart-broken mother received the crucified body of her son.

Compassionate Jesus, bless those Mothers whose anguished hearts weep as they see one of their children who was killed senselessly through violence or drugs. — *Sister Rosemary Goubeaux*

The Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

Matthew 27:57-60 Mark 15:42-47

The lifeless body of Jesus proclaims love poured out completely. Such love demands that hope lives in Mary, the disciples and all of us.

Merciful Jesus, in times of indescribable difficulty or pain, let the spark of hope draw us to You. — *Sister Arlene Hirsch*

The Fifteenth Station: Jesus is raised from the dead

Mark 16:1-6

By His resurrection, Jesus promises our own resurrection.

Merciful Jesus, we are grateful because you have assured us life everlasting. — *Sister Rosalie Kastner*

