

## OPENING PRAYER

All: Merciful Jesus, my Master, I desire to follow you in fidelity and imitate you each day with more perfection. For this reason I beg you, that through the meditation of your Passion, I may receive the grace of understanding each day with more perfection, the mysteries of the spiritual life. Mary, Mother of Mercy, always faithful to Christ, guide me through the steps of the sorrowful passion of your Son and grant me the necessary graces so that this Way of the Cross may be fruitful in my heart.

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### I STATION - Jesus is Condemned to Death

Priest: **We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

All: *(kneel)* **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

Priest: *Do not be surprised that you are sometimes unjustly accused. I myself first drank this cup of undeserved suffering for love of you. When I was before Herod, I obtained a grace for you, that you would be able to rise above human scorn and follow faithfully in my footsteps.*

Reader: Jesus, we are sensitive to words and quickly want to answer back, without taking any regard as to whether it's God's will that we should speak. A silent soul is strong: no adversities will harm it if it perseveres in silence. The silent soul is capable of attaining the closest union with God.

All: Merciful Jesus, help me accept each human judgment, do not ever allow me to judge you when judging my neighbour.

1. *At the cross her station keeping,  
stood the mournful mother weeping,  
close to Jesus to the last*

## **II STATION: Jesus takes up His Cross**

**Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

**All: (kneel) Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

**Priest: Do not be afraid of suffering, I am with you. The more you will come to love suffering, the purer your love for Me will be. (279).**

**Reader: Oh Jesus, I thank you for the Little daily crosses, for opposition to my endeavours, for the hardships of communal life, for the misinterpretation of my intentions, for humiliations at the hands of others, for the harsh way in which we are treated, for false suspicions, for poor health and loss of strength, for self-denial, for dying to myself, for lack of recognition in everything, for the upsetting of all my plans.**

**All: Merciful Jesus, teach me to appreciate the difficulties of life, sickness, each suffering, and with love take up my daily cross.**

2. *Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,  
all his bitter anguish bearing,  
now at length the sword had passed.*

### **III STATION: Jesus falls for the first time**

**Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

**All: (kneel) Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

*Priest: Involuntary offenses of souls do not hinder My love for them or prevent Me from uniting Myself with them. But voluntary offenses, obstruct my graces, and I cannot lavish My gifts on such souls.*

*Reader: Oh my Jesus, how prone I am to evil, and this forces me to be constantly vigilant. But I do not lose heart. I trust God's grace, which abounds in the worst misery.*

*All: Merciful Lord, keep me from any infidelity, even the smallest one, but voluntary and consent.*

*3. Oh how sad and sore distressed  
was that mother highly blessed,  
of the sole-begotten One!*

### **IV STATION: Jesus meets His Mother**

**Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

**All: (kneel) Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

*Priest: Although all the work that come into being by My will are exposed to great sufferings, consider whether any of them has been subject to greater difficulties than that work which is directly Mine – The work of Redemption. You should not worry too much about adversities.*

Reader: I saw the Blessed Mother (...), she came close to me (...) and said these words: Be courageous. Do not fear apparent obstacles, but fix your gaze upon the Passion of My Son, and in this way you will be victorious.

All: Mary, Mother of Mercy, be always with me, especially in suffering, in the same way that you were present in your Son's way of the Cross.

4. *Christ above in torment hangs;  
she beneath beholds the pangs  
of her dying glorious Son.*

### **V STATION: Simon Cyrene helps Jesus carry the Cross**

Priest: **We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

All: *(kneel)* **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

Priest: *I permit these adversities in order to increase his merit. I do not reward for good results but for the patience and hardship undergone for My sake.*

Reader: Oh, my Jesus, you do not give a reward for the successful performance of a work, but for the good will and the labour undertaken. Therefore, I am completely at peace, even if all my undertakings and efforts should be thwarted or should come to naught. If I do all that is in my power, the rest is not my business.

All: Jesus, that each thought, each word, each activity may be done only for love of you. Purify my intentions.

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

### **VI STATION: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus**

**Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

**All: (kneel) Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

**Priest: Know that whatever good you do for any soul, I accept it as if you had done it to Me.**

**Reader: I am learning how to be good from Jesus, from Him who is goodness itself, so that I might be called a daughter of the heavenly Father. Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions.**

**All: Lord Jesus. My Master, make my eyes, my hands, my mouth, my heart... merciful. Transform me into your Mercy.**

*6. Can the human heart refrain  
from partaking in her pain,  
in that Mother's pain untold?*

### **VII STATION: Jesus falls for the second time**

**Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

**All: (kneel) Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

**Priest: The cause of your falls is that you rely too much upon yourself and too little on Me. You must know that on your own, you can do nothing. You are not even capable of receiving my graces without my help.**

Reader: Jesus, do not leave me alone (..). You know, Lord, how weak I am. I am an abyss of wretchedness; I am nothingness itself; so what will be so strange if You leave me alone and I fall. So You, Jesus, must stand by me constantly like a mother by a helpless child – and even more so.

All: May I lean on your grace, Lord, so that I may not fall continuously on the same errors: and if I fall, help me rise and glorify your Mercy.

*7. For the sins of His own nation  
saw Him hang in desolation,  
all with bloody scourges rent.*

### **VIII STATION: Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem**

Priest: **We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

All: *(kneel)* **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

Priest: *Oh, how pleasing to Me is a living faith! I desire that you would all have more faith at the present time.*

Reader: I fervently beg the Lord to strengthen my faith, so that in my drab, everyday life I will not be guided by human depositions, but by those of the spirit. Oh, how everything drags man towards the earth! But lively faith maintains the soul in the highest regions and assigns self-love it's proper place, that is to say, the lowest one.

All: Merciful Lord, thank you for Holy Baptism and the grace of faith. I call you again. Lord, I believe, increase my faith!

8. *Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,  
she beheld her tender child,  
till His Spirit forth he sent.*

### **IX STATION: Jesus falls for the third time**

**Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

**All: (kneel) Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

**Priest: Know that the greatest obstacle to holiness are discouragement and an exaggerated anxiety. This will deprive you of the ability to practice virtue (...). I am always willing to forgive you. Every time you ask for it, you glorify my Mercy.**

**Reader: Oh My Jesus, in spite of your graces. I see and feel all my misery. I begin my day with a battle and end it with a battle. As soon as I conquer one obstacle, ten more appear to take its place. But I am not worried, because I know that this is the time of struggle, not peace.**

**All: Merciful Lord, I give you everything that is my exclusive property, that is, sin and human frailty. I beg you, that my misery may be drown in your unfathomable Mercy.**

9. *O, thou Mother, fount of love,  
touch my spirit from above,  
make my heart with thine accord.*

## **X STATION: Jesus is stripped of His Garments**

**Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

**All: (kneel) Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

**Priest:** Jesus was suddenly standing before me, stripped of His clothes, His body completely covered with wounds, His eyes flooded with tears and blood, His face disfigured and covered with spittle. The Lord then said to me: "The bride must resemble her Betrothed."

**Reader:** I understood these words to the very depth. There's no room for doubt here. My likeness to Jesus must be through suffering and humility.

**All:** Jesus, meek and humble of heart, transform my heart according to your Heart.

*10. Make me feel as thou has felt;  
make my soul to glow and melt  
with the love of Christ our Lord.*

## **XI STATION: Jesus is nailed to the Cross**

**Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

**All: (kneel) Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

**Priest:** *My pupil, have great love for those who cause you suffering.  
Do good to those who hate you.*

**Reader:** Oh my Jesus, you know what efforts are needed to live sincerely and unaffectedly with those from whom our nature

flees, or with those who, deliberately or not, have made us suffer. Humanly speaking, this is impossible at such times more than others, I try to discover the Lord Jesus in such a person and for this same Jesus, I do everything for such a people.

All: Oh purest Love, reign in all your plenitude in my heart and allow me to love more than what human measure allows me to.

*11. Holy Mother, pierce me through;  
in my heart each wound renew  
of my Saviour crucified.*

## **XII STATION: Jesus dies on the Cross**

Priest: **We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

All: *(kneel)* **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

Priest: *All this is for the salvation of souls. Reflect, my daughter, about what you do for their salvation.*

Reader: Then I saw the Lord Jesus nailed to the cross. When He had hung on it for a while, I saw a multitude of souls crucified like Him. The second multitude were not nailed to their crosses, but they were holding them firmly in their hands. The third were neither nailed to their crosses nor holding them firmly in their hands, but were dragging their crosses behind them and were discontent. Jesus then said to me: Do you see these souls? Those who are like Me in the pain and contempt they suffer will be like Me also in glory. And those who

resemble Me less in pain and contempt will also bear less resemblance to Me in glory.

All: Jesus, my Saviour, hide me in the depths of Your Heart so that nourished by your grace, I may be able to be like you in the love for the cross and in the participation of Your glory.

*12. Let met share with thee his pain,  
who for all my sins was slain,  
who for me in torments died.*

### **XIII STATION: Jesus is laid in the arms of His Mother**

Priest: **We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

All: *(kneel)* **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

Priest: *Most dear to me is the soul that strongly believes in my goodness and has complete trust in me. I heap my confidence upon it, and give it all it asks.*

Reader: I come to Your Mercy, compassionate God, only You are goodness itself. Although my misery is great, and my offences are many, I trust in Your mercy, because You are the God of mercy; and from time immemorial, it has never been heard of, nor do heaven or earth remember, that a soul trusting in Your mercy has been disappointed.

All: Jesus, multiply in me each day the trust in Your Mercy, so that always and everywhere I may be a witness of your goodness and infinite love.

13. *Let me mingle tears with thee,  
mourning Him Who mourned for me,  
all the days that I may live.*

**XIV STATION: Jesus is laid in the tomb**

**Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you**

**All: (kneel) Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world**

**Priest: You are not yet in your homeland; so go, fortified by My grace, and fight for My kingdom in human souls; fight as a king's child would; and remember that the days of your exile will pass quickly, and with them the possibility of earning merits for heaven. I expect from you (...) a great number of souls who will glorify my mercy for all eternity.**

**Reader: Every soul You have entrusted to me, Jesus, I will try to aid with prayer and sacrifice, so that your grace can work in them. Oh great Lover of souls, my Jesus, I thank you for this immense confidence with which You have deigned to place souls in our care.**

**All: Merciful Lord, I beg you that not even one of the souls which you have entrusted to me, may be lost.**

14. *By the cross with thee to stay,  
there with thee to weep and pray,  
this I ask of thee to give.*

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## PRAYER AFTER THE WAY OF THE CROSS:

All: My Jesus, my only hope, I am grateful for this great book you have opened before the eyes of my soul. This great book is your Passion you have confronted out of love for me. From this book I have learned how to love God and souls. Inexhaustible treasures are stored in it (...) Oh Jesus, how few souls understand you in your martyrdom of love (...). Happy the soul that has understood the love from the Heart of Jesus.

*Our Father...*

*Hail Mary...*

*Glory Be...*