

L: The 13th Station: Jesus is placed in Mary's arms



L: We adore You, O Christ and we praise You,

R: for by Your holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

L: Mary stands by the Cross, offering her Son's sacrifice with Him. She never leaves Him for a moment, and, as He is taken down, she holds Him in her arms.
(pause)

R: Mother, as you see your Son

Lying cold and still,

Ask for me the grace to be

Faithful to God's will.



L: The 14th Station: Jesus is buried.



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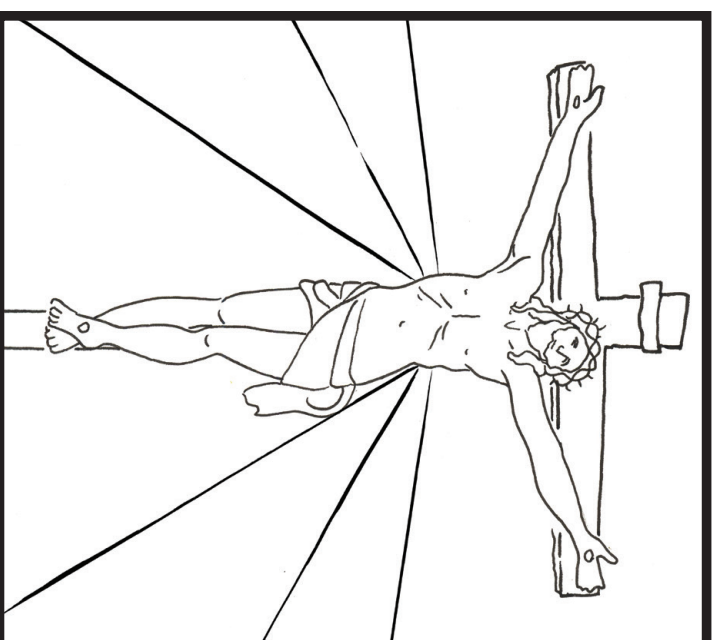
L: Jesus' friends take His body and place it in a tomb. To them, it seemed like the end. But Mary knew that He was faithful to His promises. He would rise again so that we could be with Him forever.

R: Jesus, You were laid to rest,
Truly, You were dead.

But You rose on Easter day,
Just as You had said.

Jesus, I love you! Thank you for loving me first!

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



*Note: **L:** means "Leader" and **R:** means "Everyone"



R: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Jesus, when I was lost and far from You, You came from heaven to open the way for me, so that I could live with You forever. I want to love You more and to avoid whatever leads to sin. Open my mind to understand how much you suffered for my salvation, so that I can give you my whole heart in return and live as Your disciple. Amen.



L: The 1st Station: Pilate condemns Jesus



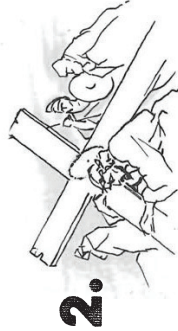
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L: Pilate punishes Jesus, even though Jesus has not done anything wrong. Jesus accepts this, and offers it up for us. How do I respond when I am accused of doing something wrong? *(pause)*

**R: You have been condemned to death,
Jesus Christ, my Lord!
You will offer up Your life
of Your own accord.**



L: The 2nd Station: Jesus takes up His Cross



L: We adore You, O Christ and
we praise You,
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have redeemed the world.**

L: After whipping Him, the soldiers give His cross. He lovingly takes it in His arms and carries it on His shoulder. He knows He carries it for you and for me. *(pause)*

**R: Lord, You take the heavy cross
which should be my own
so that I never have to
carry it alone.**

L: The 11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the Cross



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L: The soldiers are ready. Jesus lies down on the Cross and spreads His arms wide. They nail His hands and feet to the Cross, and then raise it high. *(pause.)*

**R: Jesus, You loved everyone,
You forgave them all.
Even those who held the nails
And made the hammer fall.**



L: The 12th Station: Jesus dies on the Cross



L: We adore You, O Christ and
we praise You,
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have redeemed the world.**

L: Jesus sees many people from the Cross—the soldiers, the religious leaders, His Mother and friends, and you and me. He offers Himself to the Father for each of us, and then bows His head and dies. *(pause and kneel.)*

**R: Jesus, dying on the cross,
What else could You give?
You have done Your Father's will.
Teach me so to live!**



L: The 9th Station: Jesus falls the third time



L: We adore You, O Christ and
we praise You,

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L: Jesus is very tired. He stumbles and falls again as
He climbs the hill to Calvary. Each step feels like He
can't go on, and yet He always takes one more step
for us, to save us. *(pause)*

**R: Jesus, falling once again
On the rocky hill,
Teach me Your obedience
To the Father's will.**



L: The 10th Station: Jesus is stripped of His clothes



L: We adore You, O Christ and
we praise You,

**R: for by Your holy Cross You
have redeemed the world.**

L: The soldiers take away Jesus' clothes. They split
them up among themselves to keep. Jesus allows
them to take His things without arguing. He only
thinks about our salvation. *(pause)*

**R: As Your clothes are stripped away,
You focus on one thing:
You endure all this for me,
You, my God and King.**

L: The 3rd Station: Jesus falls the first time.



L: We adore You, O Christ and
we praise You,

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have redeemed the world.**

L: Jesus tries hard to carry His cross, but He is weak
from having been beaten. He falls under its weight
and then tries to rise and carry on the work of our
salvation.

**R: : Dearest Jesus, help me now,
As You always do.
Make me understand that sin
caused this pain to You.**



L: The 4th Station: Jesus meets His Mother



L: We adore You, O Christ and
we praise You,

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L: Mary meets Jesus on the way. She is so sad to see
Jesus hurt and rejected, but she encourages Him to
carry on the work of salvation. *(pause)*

**R: Mary, as you watch your Son
Suffering for men,
Help me now to promise Him
Not to sin again.**



L: The 5th Station: Simon helps Jesus



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L: The soldiers want Jesus to move faster, and so they make Simon help him. Simon was able to help Jesus! Wouldn't we all want to be near Jesus and help Him, like Simon did? *(pause)*

**R: To help you Lord, like Simon,
love will be my key.
In others' needs I find You.
Grant me eyes to see!**

L: The 6th Station:

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus



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L: Veronica sees the blood and sweat on Jesus' face, and her heart is moved. She takes her veil and wipes His face. How can you show Jesus love, like Veronica? Who needs your kindness?

**R: Jesus, how I'd like to be
your brave and loyal friend,
one who wipes Your holy face,
and comforts you again.**

L: The 7th Station: Jesus falls the second time



L: We adore You, O Christ and
we praise You,

**R: for by Your holy Cross You
have redeemed the world.**

L: Jesus falls again beneath the weight of the Cross. Even with Simon's help, the work of our salvation is so hard! He rises and continues, bearing the weight of our sins on his shoulders. .

**R: Down again my Savior falls
on the cutting stone.
You would go through all this pain
For my sins alone!**

L: The 8th Station: Jesus comforts the women.



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we praise You,

**R: for by Your holy Cross You
have redeemed the world.**

L: Some women come to Jesus. They are sad about what is happening to Him. He comforts them, paying attention to their needs, not His own. *(pause)*

**R: Jesus, comforting Your friends,
Yourself, without relief,
Teach me to show all Your love
when my heart is torn by grief.**

