



X. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

All who see me deride me.

Psalm 22:8



XI. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

All my bones are crushed.

Psalm 22:15



XII. Jesus is Crucified

Father, forgive them; they know not what they do.

Luke 23:34



XIII. Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross and Placed in the Arms of His Mother

Look and see if there is any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Lamentations 1:12



XIV. Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.

John 12:24



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Stations of the Cross

Historically, the pilgrims coming to Jerusalem felt a connection to Jesus when following in his footsteps along the way of the cross on their pilgrimage. In the 1500s, when it was no longer easy or possible to visit the holy site, villages all over Europe began to create replicas of the way of the cross. Eventually these shrines became the set of 14 stations that grace nearly every Catholic Church in the world.

In making the Stations of the Cross we enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. In reflecting upon the passion we involve our senses and emotions for a deeper experience of Jesus' love for each of us. In realizing this love, may we all feel a deep gratitude and desire to love as we have first been loved.



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Opening prayer:

Loving God, take me along that holy way you once took to your death. Take my mind, my memory, above all my reluctant heart, and let me see what once you did for love of me and all the world. AMEN

Before each station:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world. AMEN



I. Jesus is Condemned to Death

Let his blood be on us and on our children.

Matthew 27:25



II. Jesus Receives the Cross

Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Psalms 27:3



III. Jesus Falls the First Time

I am bowed and brought to my knees. I go mourning all the day long.

Psalms 94:16



IV. Jesus Meets His Blessed Mother

Near the cross of Jesus, there stood his mother.

John 19:25



V. Simon of Cyrene Helps with the Cross

In so far as you did this to one of the least, you did it to me.

Matthew 25:40



VI. Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Of you my heart speaks; seek his face.

Psalms 27:8



VII. Jesus Falls the Second Time

All my frame burns with fever; all my body is sick.

Psalms 38:8



VIII. Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Weep not for me but for yourselves and your children.

Luke 23:28



IX. Jesus Falls the Third Time

I have become abhorrent to them.

Psalms 88:9