

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.

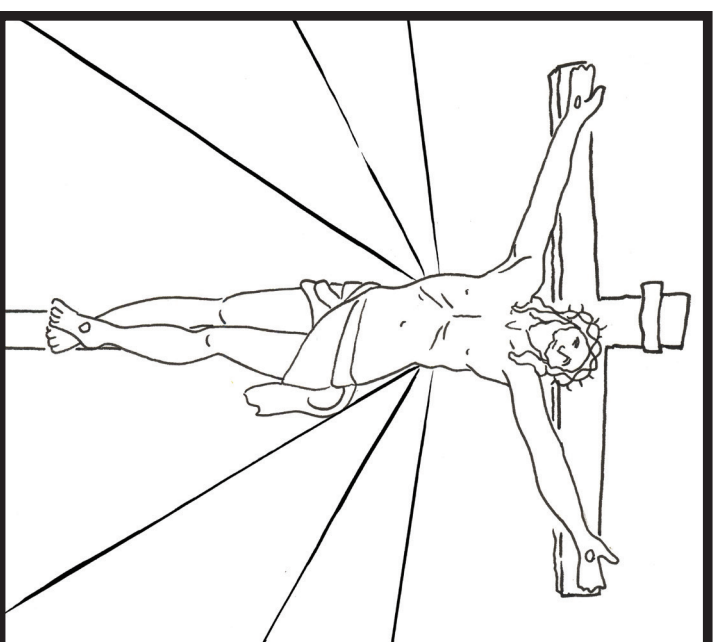
R: **Jesus, You were laid to rest,
Truly, You were dead.**

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



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

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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,

R: for by Your holy Cross You 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



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

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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 I 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,

R: for by Your holy Cross You 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
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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 our Father's will.**



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



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**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 is only thinks about our salvation. *(pause)*

**R: Jesus stripped before the crowd,
What a shameful thing.
Jesus suffered this for me,
He, my God and King.**

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



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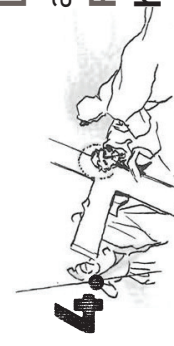
**R: for by Your holy Cross You
have redeemed the world.**

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



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

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: When he came to help You, Lord,
Simon graces gained.
By helping others with their needs,
I can do the same.**

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, You were glad to see,
Near Your journey's end,
One who wiped Your holy face,
One brave, loyal friend.**

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.
He would go through all this pain
For my sins alone!**

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



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and 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
On Your painful way,
Teach me to be kind to all,
in all I do and say.**