



The Stations of the Cross



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PRAYER BEFORE THE HIGH ALTAR

Jesus Christ, my Lord, with what great love you passed over the painful road which led you to death; and how often have I abandoned you! But now I love you, with my whole soul, and because I love you, I am sincerely sorry for having offended you.

My Jesus, pardon me, and permit me to accompany you in this journey. You are going to die because of me and it is my wish also, my dear Redeemer, to die for love of you. Yes, Jesus, in your love I wish to live, in your love I wish to die.



I

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

Jesus, after the soldiers have blasphemed, mocked and scourged Him, is dragged before Pilate and unjustly condemned to die with disgrace on the cross.

All:

My beloved Jesus, it was my sins, as well as Pilate, that condemned you to die. Grant that I may detest them with all my heart and by the merits of this sorrowful journey obtain your mercy and pardon to assist my soul on its journey towards eternity.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: RETURN TO GOD

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God
Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God

Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God

II

JESUS IS MADE TO BEAR HIS CROSS



Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

Jesus accepts his cross, the instrument that he will use to redeem the world. He carries the heavy cross on his bruised shoulders. He thinks of us, and his impending death for our sins, and prays to His Father so that we may live.

All:

My most beloved Jesus, grant me by the virtue of your cross to embrace with meekness and cheerful submission all the tribulations you have destined for me until my death. By the merits of the pain you suffered in carrying your cross, give me the necessary help to be ever ready to take up my cross and follow you with perfect patience and resignation.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: AFTERMATH

Freedom found in your scars
In your grace my life redeemed
For you chose
To take the sinners crown
As you placed your crown on me

And in that moment
Of glorious surrender
Was the moment
You broke the chains in me
Lifted out of the ashes
I am found in the aftermath



III

JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

Jesus sets forth on his way to Calvary, bowed down under the weight of the cross. The soldiers strike him and the crowds mock and insult him. His flesh is torn by the scourges and on his head is a crown of thorns. Because of his many wounds, he has lost a great quantity of blood. He is so weak, he can scarcely walk, yet he has to carry his great load. Finally, his strength fails him and he falls to the ground.

All:

O Jesus, it was for us that you bore the heavy burden of the cross. By the merits of this first fall, may I be saved from the misfortune of falling into mortal sin.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: IT'S YOUR BLOOD THAT CLEANSSES ME

It's Your blood that cleanses me
It's Your blood that gives me life
It's Your blood that took my place in redeeming sacrifice
Washes me whiter than the snow, than the snow
My Jesus, God's precious sacrifice



IV

JESUS MEETS HIS MOST AFFLICTED MOTHER

Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader:

Jesus, still burdened with his cross and wounded even more by his fall, meets his mother. A sword of anguish pierces those hearts that love each other so tenderly.

All:

My sweet Jesus, by the compassion which you did feel for your most holy mother at this meeting, have compassion for me and grant me the grace of a truly devoted love for her. O Mary, my Queen, overwhelmed by sorrow, intercede for me that, through the sufferings endured by your son, I may obtain a continual and tender remembrance of the Passion of Jesus.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: STABAT MATER

At the Cross her vigil keeping
Stands the queen of sorrows weeping
When her son was crucified

While she waited in her anguish
Seeing Christ in bitter languish
Bitter sorrow pierced her heart

THE CYRENEAN HELPS JESUS TO CARRY HIS CROSS



Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

Jesus' strength is failing and the executioners fear Jesus will die on the way instead of on the cross. They seize Simon of Cyrene and compel him to carry the cross for Jesus. Simon realises what he is asked to do and it changes his heart. The cross becomes for Simon a privilege and a joy.

All:

My most beloved Jesus, it is my privilege also to carry whatever crosses you desire to send me. I will not refuse them. I accept them, embrace them and rejoice that I may be counted worthy to suffer for your name's sake. I unite them to your death. You died for love of me. I will die for love of you. Help me by your grace.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: WILL YOU LOVE ME

Will you give me your life forever?

Will you carry my cross every day?

Will you walk in the light of my presence?

Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Will you love me as I have loved you?

Will you live with me the darkness as I die?

For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,

And the sun will be shining on you.

VI

VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS



Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

Jesus, proceeding on his way, is covered with sweat and blood. His face, once beautiful, has now lost all its beauty. It is disfigured by wounds and blood. A holy woman named Veronica, moved with compassion, approaches and wipes his face with her veil. Jesus, as a reward for her piety, leaves the impression of his sacred countenance imprinted upon it.

All:

My Jesus, at my baptism my soul was also beautiful, but my sins have since disfigured it. By your Passion, O Jesus, restore it to its former beauty. May the contemplation of your sufferings move me with the greatest compassion, make me hate my sins and kindle in my heart a more fervent love for you. Guide me, that I may one day be transformed into your likeness.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see

Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like you
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love



VII

JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME

Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

At every step the pain of his wounds and the loss of blood increase. His strength fails him a second time and Jesus falls to the ground.

All:

My Jesus, it was the burden of my sins that caused you to fall again. So many times you have pardoned me but I am weak, and so many times I have fallen again and begun again to offend you. By the merits of this second fall, help me to persevere in your grace until my death. May I always commend myself to you in all temptations which assail me.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: REDEEMER SAVIOUR FRIEND

Every stripe upon Your battered back
Every thorn that pierced Your brow
Every nail drove deep through guiltless hands
Said that Your love knows no end
Redeemer Saviour Friend

Redeemer, redeem my heart again
Saviour, shelter me from sin
You're familiar with my weakness
Devoted to the end
Redeemer Saviour Friend



VIII

JESUS MEETS THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

Jesus walks on, streaming with blood. Some holy women in the crowd see him and are so touched with sympathy and compassion that they openly weep for him. Jesus, knowing the things that are to happen to Jerusalem because of her rejection of him, turns to them and says, “Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me but for yourselves and your children.”

All:

My Jesus, I weep bitterly for the offenses I have committed against you. I weep because of the pains they have deserved but most of all because they caused you, because of your great love for me, to have to die for me. Teach me to be truly sorry for my sins, so that I may escape those dreadful judgments prepared for all who reject or neglect you in this life.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: GIVE US HEARTS RENEWED

Give us hearts renewed in love, O Lord.
Turn us back to walk with you.
Through your saving power redeem us.
In Your love our lives renew.



IX

JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

Jesus is now almost at the summit of Calvary. His weakness is extreme. The excessively brutal soldiers, anxious to crucify him, cruelly try to hasten his steps, but he can scarcely move, and Jesus falls a third time.

All:

O Lord Jesus, by the merits of this third most painful fall, pardon my most frequent relapses into sin and give me the strength I need to conquer all human respect and all my wicked passions. Imprint the thought of all your sufferings firmly in my mind, so that I may hate my sins more and more.

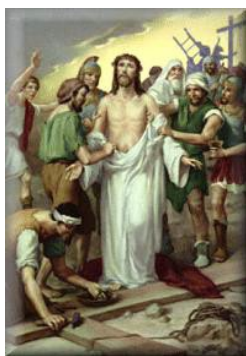
My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: ABOVE ALL

Above all powers, above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what You're worth

Crucified, laid behind a stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS



Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

Jesus, now at Calvary, is violently stripped by his executioners. His inner garments adhere to his torn flesh and they are dragged off so roughly that the skin is pulled off with them.

All:

My innocent Jesus, you endured this shame for my most shameful deeds. By the merits of the torment you felt, help me to strip myself of all false shame, conceit, pride and all affection of the things of earth, so that I may place all my love in you. Help me to humble myself voluntarily in this life that I may escape everlasting punishment in the life to come.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: **I STAND IN AWE**

You are beautiful beyond description
 Yet God crushed You for my sin
 In agony and deep affliction
 Cut off that I might enter in
 Who can grasp such tender compassion?
 Who can fathom this mercy so free?
 You are beautiful beyond description
 Lamb of God who died for me

And I stand, I stand in awe of You
 I stand, I stand in awe of You
 Holy God, to whom all praise is due
 I stand in awe of You

XI

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS



Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

The executioners lay the cross on the ground and Jesus is stretched upon it. He extends his hands willingly, offering to his eternal father the sacrifice of his life for our salvation. He is fastened to the cross with nails and then he and the cross are raised up for all to see.

All:

My suffering Jesus, what my sins have done to you! Nail my heart to your feet, that it may be united to you until my death, so that I will never offend you again.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: WERE YOU THERE?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?



XII

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

For three excruciating hours Jesus hangs on the cross. His blood runs in streams down his torn body. Finally, after all that he had set out to do has been accomplished, he abandons himself to the weight of his body.

All:

My dying Jesus, I devoutly kiss the honoured cross on which you died for love of me. My sins have merited for me a miserable death but your death is my hope. By the merits of your death help me to live only for you. And when I die help me to die embracing your feet and burning for love for you.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Thank you for the cross, Lord
Thank you for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came
And gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love, Lord
Thank you for the nail pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb, Seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious

High and lifted up
Jesus Son of God
The Darling of Heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb



XIII

JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take Jesus' body down from the cross and place it in his mother's arms. With a tenderness beyond words she receives the lifeless body of her divine son and with boundless grief presses it to her bosom.

All:

O Mother of Sorrow, give me a share in your most holy sorrow in the suffering of your son, that I may fully realise what my sins have caused. Accept me as your servant, pray for me and have compassion on my infirmities. Jesus, my redeemer, you have died for love of me. In your mercy permit me to love you, for I wish only for you, nothing more!

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

Lord, who out of love consented
To the worst that we could do;
Lord, abandoned and tormented,
Let us love and suffer too.

Truth insistent and demanding,
Love resented and ignored,
Life beyond all understanding,
Give us peace and pardon, Lord.



XIV

JESUS IS PLACED IN THE SEPULCHRE

Leader: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader:

The lifeless body of Jesus is carried by his disciples to the tomb. Mary, his most holy mother, arranges it with overwhelming sorrow. Then they all withdraw and the tomb is sealed.

All:

My buried Jesus, devoutly I kiss the stone that encloses you. But death could not hold you. I, too, will descend into the grave when you will it. My sinful body will return to the dust from which it came. In your great mercy, receive my immortal soul, so that on the last day I may rise in glory with you and join you in your kingdom where I may love you and praise you for ever.

My beloved Jesus, I love you above all things. I am truly sorry for having offended you and I repent with my whole heart. May I never offend you again. Grant that I may never cease to love you and do with me as you will.

All sing: SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with waters gushing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

All:

Christ became obedient unto death for us, even the death on the cross.

Leader:

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, we graciously ask you to look upon us, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ withstood being betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross.

He now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father:

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory Be

Prayer for Vocations

O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church, we implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all. Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen

Prayer to our Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God's love commits me here, Ever this day, be at my side, To light and guard, Rule and guide. Amen



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