

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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As Seen Through the Eyes of Men of St. Raymond and CRHP MoSR/CRHP

Stations of the Cross

Opening Song: Jerusalem, My Destiny (Gather 492)

Response after each station is named:

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

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

Between stations \ Were You There When They Crucified My Lord? (Gather 511)

The following responses are to be prayed together at the end of each station.

The First Station: Jesus Is Condemned to Die All: O Christ, we pray open our hearts

to be instruments of life in our world today.

Give us the courage to restore dignity

to all whose lives we touch

and to speak up for all who are condemned unjustly.

The Second Station: Jesus Takes His Cross

All: O Christ, as we accept the daily crosses of our lives, give us your eyes to see the cross in the lives of those around us.

Give us your wisdom

as we companion those who walk along with us on our journey of faith and life.

The Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time

All: O Christ, giver of life,
give us the power to rise and walk again each day,
so that we might also be able to lift
those who are suffering here in our midst.
When we are vulnerable,
help us to lean on you.

The Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Grieving Mother

All: O Christ.

it is you who have offered your life in bread that is broken, wine that is poured out.

Continue to nourish us so that others might dare to live in hope through pain.

The Fifth Station: Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

All: O Christ,

keep us ever mindful of you in the faces of those around us.

Spare us from indifference and silence so we might bring light to their darkness, hope to their doubt, courage to their weakness, comfort to their suffering.

The Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

All: O Christ,

help us break through our own barriers -our fears -to see your face in those we meet.
Make us bold as Veronica
in our care for others.
Help us to reach out to those in need
in memory of you.

The Seventh Station: Jesus Falls the Second Time

All: O Christ,

help us to trust
that even when we do not feel your presence,
you are indeed holding us in our journey.
Help us to believe
that you are calling us to be
your healing and caring presence for others.

The Eighth Station: Jesus Speaks To the Women

All: O Christ,

as we weep for you
and all who suffer in our human race,
may our tears move us to action,
so that we might respond with your love
and be instruments of your compassion and healing.

The Ninth Station: Jesus Falls the Third Time

All: O Christ.

give us your strength to continue to be a refuge of dignity and hope in the midst of chaos. Increase our sensitivity to the suffering of others and help us to be beacons of hope to those without hope, to those who have fallen over and over again.

The Tenth Station: Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

All: O Christ,

sustain us in our nakedness.
Help us to let go
of all that must be left behind,
so that we might clothe others
in dignity and truth.
Clothe us with patience and perseverance
as we reach out to so many who are in need.

The Eleventh Station: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

All: O Christ,

be our strength
as we hear the cries of all
who are in need of your generous mercy.
Make us strong
that we may help the weak.
Make us whole
that we may reach out to the broken.
May we be heralds of your love and mercy.

The Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

All: O Christ.

deliver us from all that is evil and brings death.

Continue to use us
as bearers of your life-giving word.

May we act justly, love tenderly,
and walk humbly with our God
that we might be life-givers
to all who long for new life in you.

The Thirteenth Station: Jesus Is Taken Down From the Cross

All: O Christ,

help us in our unbelief and discouragement, that we might continue the journey of faith with our entire being. Give us the gift of hope renewed and the gift of courage restored that we might reach out to others in your name.

The Fourteenth Station: Jesus Is Placed in the Tomb

All: O Christ,

help us to rest in you and you alone that we may be given new life and offer life again to those whom we meet on their way of the cross. Fill us with the light of your grace that we might light the way for others.

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The Fifteenth Station: Jesus Is Raised From the Dead

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died, and was buried. / He descended into hell; / the third day he arose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; / from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy Catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. / Amen.