

A Short Way of the Cross
Used by The Franciscan Fathers on their Missions

First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death

O Jesus! So meek and uncomplaining, teach me resignation in trials.

Second Station: Jesus Carries His Cross

My Jesus! This Cross should be mine, not Thine! My sins crucified Thee.

Third Station: Our Lord Falls the First Time

O Jesus! By this first fall, never let me fall into mortal sin.

Fourth Station: Jesus Meets his Mother

O Jesus! May no human tie, however dear, keep me from following the road of the Cross.

Fifth Station: Simon, the Cyrenean, Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

Simon unwillingly assisted Thee; may I with patience suffer all for Thee.

Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

O Jesus! Thou didst imprint Thy sacred features upon Veronica's veil; stamp them also indelibly upon my heart.

Seventh Station: The Second Fall of Jesus

By Thy second fall, preserve me, dear Lord, from relapse into sin.

Eighth Station: Jesus Consols the Women of Jerusalem

My greatest consolation would be to hear Thee say: "Many sins are forgiven thee, because thou hast loved much."

Ninth Station: The Third Fall of Jesus

O Jesus! When I am weary upon life's long journey, be Thou my strength and my perseverance.

Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

My soul has been robbed of its robe of Innocence; clothe me, dear Jesus, with the garb of penance and contrition.

Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Thou didst forgive Thy enemies; my God, teach me to forgive injuries and forget them.

Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Thou art dying, my Jesus, but Thy Sacred Heart still throbs with love for Thy sinful children.

Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the Cross

Receive me into thy arms, O Sorrowful Mother, and obtain for me perfect contrition for my sins.

Fourteenth Station: Jesus Is Laid in the Sepulcher

When I receive Thee into my heart in Holy Communion, O Jesus, make it a fit abiding place for Thy adorable Body. Amen