

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

According to the method of
St. Alphonsus Liguori

Arranged for congregational prayer.



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The Stations of the Cross

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Let each one, kneeling before the high altar, make an Act of Contrition, and form the intention of gaining the indulgences connected to this devotion, whether for himself or for the souls in Purgatory. Then say:

PREPARATORY PRAYER

My Lord Jesus Christ, * Thou hast made this journey to die for me with love unutterable, * and I have so many times unworthily abandoned Thee; * but now I love Thee with my whole heart, * and because I love Thee, * I repent sincerely for having ever offended Thee. * Pardon me, my God, * and permit me to accompany Thee on this journey. * Thou goest to die for love of me; * I wish also, my beloved Redeemer, * to die for love of Thee. * My Jesus, * I will live and die always united to Thee. *



First Station

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Stabat Mater dolorosa,
Juxta crucem lacrymosa,
Dum pendeat Filius.

FIRST STATION

Jesus is condemned to Death.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee,

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Priest: Consider that Jesus, after having been scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the cross.

People: My adorable Jesus, * it was not Pilate, * no, it was my sins, that condemned Thee to die. * I beseech Thee, by the merits of this sorrowful journey, * to assist my soul in its journey towards eternity. * I love Thee, my beloved Jesus; * I love Thee more than myself; * I repent with my whole heart of having offended Thee. * Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. * Grant that I may love Thee always, * and then do with me what Thou wilt. *

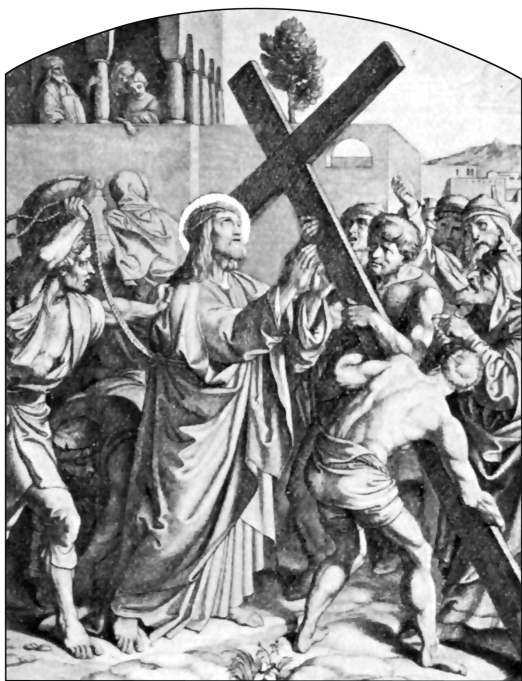
Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified,

R. Have mercy on us!*

At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.

*This versicle and response are not found in the Liguori *Way of the Cross* but are borrowed from the Franciscan method for the purpose of increased devotion. —*Editor.*



Second Station

JESUS IS MADE TO CARRY HIS CROSS.

Cujus animam gementem,
Contristatam et dolentem,
Pertransivit gladius.

SECOND STATION

Jesus is made to carry His Cross.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee,

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Priest: Consider that Jesus, in making this journey with the cross on His shoulders, thought of us and offered for us to His Father the death that He was about to undergo.

People: My most beloved Jesus, * I embrace all the tribulations that Thou hast destined for me until death. * I beseech Thee, * by the merits of the pain Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy cross, * to give me the necessary help * to carry mine with perfect patience and resignation. * I love Thee, Jesus, my love; * I repent of having offended Thee. * Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. * Grant that I may love Thee always, * and then do with me what Thou wilt. *

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified,

R. Have mercy on us!

Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,
All His bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword has passed.