Stations of the Cross
DURING THE PANDEMIC
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Lord Jesus we offer our prayers to you today for our world, our country, our state, and our local community. As we meditate on your sacred Passion, may we take the pain and needs of all humanity and pray through your suffering for your creation.

I. Jesus is condemned to death
Lord, you were held captive and given a death sentence. There are thousands upon thousands in our world today who have been held captive simply because they are not of that race, or because they believe a different faith. We pray they will be treated with kindness, respect, and justice.

II. Jesus carries his cross
Lord, you were given a cross, a heavy load filled with the pain, death, and suffering of all humanity. We see the separation, death and sickness the world feels now from this virus, just as you carried your cross.

Holy Spirit show us how to accept the cross of this pandemic and move forward. May we be united in our purpose and support each other.

III. Jesus falls the first time
Lord, you fell underneath the burden of your cross, the weight of your cross. The road was not an easy way, and all of that brought you unexpectedly to your knees.

This coronavirus was unexpected and has brought our world, our nation, our community to its knees in trying to fight the... disease. Country after country is falling, but just as you did not give up, neither does humanity that you placed your trust in.

IV. Jesus meets his mother
Lord, your mother loved you and you loved her. Noting her when you were so fragile and so worn had to be difficult.

May all families come together, and help each other in this time of trial.

May the time we are together in our homes be considered a blessing so that we get to know each other and care for each other in a more complete and loving way.

V. Simon helps carry the cross
Lord, Simon was told to help you. And you found him, battled his fear, and welcomed him.

May the government leaders and medical teams of all the world’s nations be willing and able to share information with each other so that together, with the guidance of your Holy Spirit, we come to know what works and how to safely handle this cross of disease.

VI. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
Lord, blood, sweat and dirt covered your face. When your face was wiped it was with gentleness... you had a small moment of relief.

We hold in prayer all of our clergy who meet the sick daily and pray and anoint them.

We pray for the medical community that cares for the sick and puts in endless hours of vigilance.

VII. Jesus falls a second time
Lord, weakness again overcomes you and you fall under the weight of a cross that you bore on our behalf.

We pray in respect to the weaknesses of our healthcare and governmental systems in the ability to fight this... common virus.

We are stronger when we are united rather than fighting from within over policies and procedures.

VIII. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
Lord, some of your friends were reaching out to you in your greatest time of need. In a challenging time... women friends and strangers alike taking it upon themselves to love children who will not eat due to school closures...

We see medical professionals putting themselves on the line every day...

We are united in our purpose and support each other.

We pray for those... who are trying to take advantage of others by hoarding items or trying to sell needed medical items at outrageous prices.

IX. Jesus is stripped of his garments
Lord, when you were stripped of your clothing, you were humiliated and demeaned. We have seen instances of those who are being profiled in seeking this virus.

We ask forgiveness for times when we have been afraid of someone because of their culture, their ethnicity, their age or their income level.

Holy Spirit, open our eyes to any treat... that is unfair and prejudiced and give us courage to stand up for those we need.

X. Jesus is nailed to the cross
Lord, you were nailed to the cross and stood high for all to see and condemn.

Your mother never left you, and a few of your friends stood by and held vigil for you.

Even in your pain you reached out to the third next to you and assured him of salvation.

Life as we knew it weeks ago has changed all over the world. Help us to find assurance in you.

XI. Jesus dies on the cross
Lord, ... your death freed us from the pain of eternal separation from you.

We pray for those... who have died from... will succumb to the coronavirus.

We pray that all the souls of the faithful departed... be united with you.

XII. Jesus is taken from the cross
Lord, ... your mother was there to accept your broken and lifelike body. The grief, sorrow and confusion may have been shared with your mother.

Yet she had hopes. She did not understand what that moment of事业部, but knew that you had accepted his help.

XIII. We look to your mother, Our Blessed Mother
Lord, your mother loved you and you loved her. Meeting her when you were so... alone.

Sorrow and confusion may have been... but also in the joy of the coming future.

XIV. Jesus is laid in the tomb
Lord, your body was put to rest in a new... of your death.

This was the moment of complete separation from us. Help us to find... of eternal separation from you.

Lord, your death freed us from the pain of eternal separation from you.

XV. The Resurrection
Lord, humanity could not imagine the joy and the wonder you were going to give us in your resurrection from the dead.

May we turn to you not only in this time... or the joy of the coming future.

There are some who are... Help us to have a better...

We are learning of not only those who you guided, loved, healed and journeyed with. We pray for Pope Francis... our clergy... our parishes and all who walk this journey of the unknown with us.

May we unite in the near future to share in the wonder of your glory, shining... of your suffering.