

# Preparing for Easter

Draw and color a picture of each station.

Staple, tape or glue the picture onto a thicker piece of paper or cardboard.

Create a frame around each picture with sticks. Glue or use yarn or string to secure the sticks to the board.

Display the stations in your house.

Try to recite the stations once a week, preferably on Friday's.

## Stations of the Cross

1. Jesus is Condemned to Die.
2. Jesus Carries His Cross.
3. Jesus Falls the First Time.
4. Jesus Meets His Mother, Mary.
5. Simon Helps Jesus  
Carry His Cross.
6. Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face.
7. Jesus Falls the 2nd Time.
8. Jesus Meets  
the Women of Jerusalem.
9. Jesus Falls the 3rd Time.
10. Jesus is Stripped.
11. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross.
12. Jesus Dies on the Cross.
13. Jesus is Taken Down  
from the Cross.
14. Jesus is Laid in the Tomb.

## **THE WAY OF CROSS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Today, we meet together for the first time to begin the Stations of the Cross of Jesus; through the streets of Jerusalem Let us make one feeble attempt to follow in the footsteps of our Redeemer concentrating on the burdens Jesus carried.

### **FIRST STATION - JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

#### **PRAYER (ALTOGETHER)**

O Jesus, help me to understand your cross and be true to myself so that I may be able to see your own image in each and every person. Help me to love those I do not like and also to do something for the helpless and the poor.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

### **SECOND STATION - JESUS ACCEPTS THE CROSS**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** - Dear Jesus, help me to bear my pains, mental and physical without grumbling, May the crosses that I carry help me to come closer to you.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

### **THIRD STATION - JESUS FALLS FOR THE FIRST TIME**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** - I fall when I face failure and when I am weak. It is so difficult then. I fall when I sin. Dear Jesus, help the youth of today in that while they wish to follow their ambitions, they should not forget that they should be faithful Christians. Lord be our guide. Lift us up each time we fall.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

#### **FOURTH STATION - JESUS MEETS HIS BELOVED MOTHER**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** - O Lord, the relationship between family members is a bond. Yet how many families are against their own members. Lord, give us your grace to make up with our own people. Let us love especially our aged family members.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

#### **FIFTH STATION - SIMON HELPS JESUS TO CARRY HIS CROSS**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** –My Jesus, how many times in my life have I had the opportunity to help others and did not only because of my false pride and uncaring attitude. From now on help me Lord, that I may like Simon, find true happiness in helping others.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

#### **SIXTH STATION - VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** - My Lord, in my day to day life, I meet so many people who would like to help me, but I in my pride ignore them. Lord let me remember your words to Peter "If I should not wash your feet, you shall have no part with me".

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

### **SEVENTH STATION - JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** - O Saviour, the pain you suffered for me makes me realize, how much I hurt you by turning away from you again and again. Have compassion on me Lord, as I sincerely repent for my hurtful acts.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

### **EIGHT STATION - JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** - Help us Lord to reach out to those who are in pain suffering, loneliness? Rejection- Help us. Lord, to show genuine sympathy for those who are hurt, for your sake.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

### **NINTH STATION - JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** - Jesus, your sacrifice and sufferings are for us. By your repeated falls may we too get the courage to rise up every time we fall. May we remember that each fall of ours brings 'us your forgiving love 'again and yet again. May we never give up rising even when we feel It is too late- For the precious blood you shed for us and for your Kingdom it is never too late.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

### **TENTH STATION - JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** - Jesus, how many times I have tried to cheat others of their share to get more for myself. How many times I have spoken against others and stripped them of their good name. How many times I have prevented others having their due rights. Let me know that material things cannot give me true happiness and help me to realize this in my dealings with others.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

### **ELEVENTH STATION - JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** - Jesus, my selfishness and cruelty to others have nailed you to the cross. I have insisted in following my own way without analyzing my doings according to your precepts. As a result, I have hurt others and paralyzed them in many ways. Yes, I have nailed them because of my lack of flexibility, understanding, generosity, forgiveness and kindness. But now melt my will. I know it hurts me to do this but when I look at you on the cross, is there anything in the world difficult for me to do for your sake, dear Jesus?

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

### **TWELFTH STATION - JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** - Lord, by your death you have set us free - free? from all types of bondages. I thank you with all my heart Lord for. Dying for me. Set me free Lord that I may love like you, unto death.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

### **THIRTEENTH STATION - JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** - Lord, by your death you have me belong to you. Help us to carry knowledge that we belong to you and us, is ours!

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

### **FOURTEENTH STATION - JESUS IS BURIED**

We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.  
Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**ALL** — Lord, I bury here and now all my hate and failures, trials and sorrows of my whole life. In doing so, I believe that you will take them so that I am able to go and live a good Christian life. Lord you have given us everlasting life, give us the courage to live up to it. By your death you have earned for our failings make us true to you and to have Faith in you.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mother pierce me through in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

### **THE FIFTEENTH STATION - JESUS IS RISEN**

#### **LEADER**

Death and burial is not the end of life, we were made for the Kingdom of God, But to reach out for this Kingdom, we should begin it here on earth. If we have repented for all our sins and become humble before God, if we have forgiven others from the bottom of our hearts without holding anything back, if we have shown kindness and done all this for the love of Jesus, there is no doubt, that we are already in this Kingdom- Having no revenge against anyone and loving others even when it hurts for the sake of Jesus, are the basic requirements for the Passport to Paradise. Do we have our Passports ready?