

Prolife Stations of the Cross

We come here today to this place of death, to make reparations for the evil that takes place here and to grieve the loss of our unborn brothers and sisters. We ask for the protection of St Michael . . . (all recite) St Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

We pray that the women who come here will have a change of heart and choose life for the child growing within them. We come in peace, hoping that they will accept the offers of help and we also pray for the women that will reject those offers. Finally, we pray for those who are complicit in the death of these babies: the people that encouraged the women to abort rather than assist them in their time of crisis.

Lord you are the author of life and we know you grieve the loss of these little ones. We offer these 14 Stations today, for all of the children who have died, and the lives of all who have been wounded by abortion. We pray for an end to our culture of death and for the beginning of a culture of life where all human life is respected from conception to natural death.

First Station: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

V. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 25:36-41

Prayer: In your agony, Lord, you must have felt alone and afraid. Even your most beloved—Peter, James, and John—could not keep watch with you. Each day, Lord Jesus, thousands of babies are killed, participants in your passion. Each day, Lord Jesus, those who have grown very old, alone and abandoned, participate in your passion. Keep us awake, O Lord, that we might watch with you and accept the cup God gives to us in every moment of our lives. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Second Station: Jesus, betrayed by Judas, is arrested

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Reader: Then, while [Jesus] was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied

by a crowd with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. Mark 14: 43-46

Prayer: Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for all who cooperate in the evil of abortion. For nurses and clerks, for doctors and aides, for relatives and friends, for spouses and parents: Give them clear vision, Lord, to see the evil before them, Give them the grace of repentance and true contrition, that they may turn from their sin and vow to never cooperate with this evil again. We ask this through him who is our Truth, Christ the Lord. Amen.

*Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,
All His bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword had pass'd.*

Third Station: Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
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Reader: When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us," but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth." Luke 22: 66-71

Prayer: They so desired your death, Lord Jesus, that they bent the truth to kill you. Banish from our hearts the hate that wishes to kill, and all desire to be seduced by violent revenge. To the killer give the grace of repentance, and to the victim the desire for justice and mercy. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Oh, how sad and sore distress'd

Was that Mother highly blest

Of the sole-begotten One!

Fourth Station: Jesus is Denied by Peter

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

V. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. Matthew 26: 69-75

Prayer: Hear our prayer, O merciful Lord, for every child betrayed by those who should be first to love them. Grant eternal peace to the

innocent victims of abortion, and gently soften the hearts of the parents who took their lives. Grant them repentance, healing and peace. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

*Christ above in torment hangs;
She beneath beholds the pangs
Of her dying glorious Son.*

Fifth Station: Jesus is Judged by Pilate

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

V. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: The chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. ... Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barrabas... [and] handed [Jesus] over to be crucified. Mark 15: 1-5, 15

Prayer: Hear our prayer for all judges, Lord, and especially for those who sit upon the highest court in our land. Unlike Pilate, may they see whom their decisions may kill and put aside all earthly pride, embracing only the wisdom that comes from you. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

*Is there one who would not weep,
Whelm'd in miseries so deep
Christ's dear Mother to behold?*

Sixth Station: Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. V.
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Reader: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. John 19: 1-3

Prayer: Hear our prayers for all we crown with thorns, O Lord: especially for the elderly, whom we scourge with our neglect. Fill our hearts with a love for them. In their weakness, may we see your suffering, in their pain may we find your cross. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

*Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain,
In that Mother's pain untold?*

Seventh Station: Jesus Bears the Cross

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. V.
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Reader: When the chief priests and the guards saw [Jesus] they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." ... They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. John 19: 6, 15-17

Prayer: As you carried the cross, Lord, you fell again and again. Hear our prayer for all who

bear the weight of fatal diseases. May their love for life give them hope, and their confidence in the creator of life bring them joy. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

*Bruis'd, derided, curs'd, defil'd,
She beheld her tender child
All with bloody scourges rent.*

Eighth Station: Jesus is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian to Carry the Cross

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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Reader: They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. Mark 15: 21

Prayer: We share in your way of sorrows, Lord, whenever we are ridiculed for our defense of those little ones whom everyone else has forgotten. Be with those who seek to carry your cross wherever life is threatened, and when they are tempted by despair, send an angel to assist them with their burden. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

*For the sins of His own nation,
Saw Him hang in desolation,
Till His spirit forth He sent.*

Ninth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

V. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me;

weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time, people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?"
Luke 23: 27-31

Prayer: You loved the women of Jerusalem, Lord, as you loved their children. Yet you warned them of the dire evil which threatened to destroy their lives and their very souls. Open the ears of all women to your plea for life, O Lord. Grant them the grace to turn away from the sin of abortion and to walk with you this way of the cross. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

O thou Mother! fount of love!

Touch my spirit from above;

Make my heart with thine accord.

Tenth Station: Jesus is Crucified

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

V. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."] Luke 23: 33-34

Prayer: Could there be any greater sin, O Lord, than nailing the innocent Son of God to the cross? Yet still today, we slaughter innocent children in their mother's wombs. Deliver us from this madness, O Lord, and teach us how we might preach the Gospel of Life through the merits of your Passion and Glorious Cross. For you are Lord, forever and ever.

*Amen. Make me feel as thou hast felt;
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ our Lord.*

Eleventh Station: Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

V. Because by your holy cross you have
redeemed the world.

Reader: Now one of the criminals hanging there
reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah?
Save yourself and us." The other, however,
rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of
God, for you are subject to the same
condemnation? And indeed, we have been
condemned justly, for the sentence we received
corresponds to our crimes, but this man has
done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus,
remember me when you come into your
kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to
you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
Luke 23: 39-43

Prayer: Grant repentance, O Lord, to all who
have sinned against the Gospel of Life: to
doctors who abort, mothers who abandon their
children, those who would execute prisoners, or
euthanize the old. To researchers who refuse to
follow your will, or those who would profit on
the sufferings of others: give a full portion of
your grace and your mercy, that they too might
turn from their sin and find you, who are Lord
forever and ever. Amen.

*Holy Mother! pierce me through;
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Savior crucified.*

Twelfth Station: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

V. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. John 19: 25-27

Prayer: A mother's love, O Lord, is like no other. So you entrusted the youngest apostle to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Entrust the child in her mother's womb to the Blessed Mother, Lord, Entrust the prisoner who sits on death row to her care. Entrust the work of the scientist who seeks a cure to her, and the life of the old man in a hospital bed, as well. May we all live under the protection of Mary, our mother, from our conception to natural death. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

*Let me share with thee His pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.*

Thirteenth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

V. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. Luke 23: 44-46

Prayer: Be with all who die today Lord, and bring the merits of your Passion to their aid. To

those who die alone, send an angel of peace. To those who die of violence, cradle them in your arms. To all who die, grant the mercy and peace of the Gospel of Life that they may rest in you, through whom they were born, and with whom, we pray, they might live forever. Amen.

*Let me mingle tears with thee,
Mourning Him who mourn'd for me,
All the days that I may live.*

Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

R. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

V. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. Matthew 27: 57-60

Prayer: Your tomb, Lord Jesus, was not an end. In the glory of the paschal morning your empty tomb stood testament to your glorious destruction of sin and death. Destroy the culture of death, O Lord: Obliterate it in the light of your risen glory, that all who live and breathe might give you glory and celebrate the miracle of the life they have received from you. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

*By the cross with thee to stay,
There with thee to weep and pray,
Is all I ask of thee to give.*

*Virgin of all virgins blest,
Listen to my fond request
Let me share thy grief divine.*

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Sign of the Cross: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! (3x)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. *Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. *Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Apostle's Creed: 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; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will 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.*

First decade: For moms considering abortion, may we give them the love and care necessary so they will choose life.

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, *in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, *have mercy on us and on the whole world.* (10x)

Second decade: For infants in danger of being put to death in the womb

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, *in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, *have mercy on us and on the whole world.* (10x)

Third decade: For a change of heart of providers of abortions and of their collaborators

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, *in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, *have mercy on us and on the whole world.* (10x)

Fourth decade: For human victims of stem cell research, genetic manipulation, cloning, and euthanasia.

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, *in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, *have mercy on us and on the whole world.* (10x)

Fifth decade: For all entrusted with the government of peoples, that they may promote the Culture of Life, so as to put an end to the culture of death.

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, *in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.*

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, *have
mercy on us and on the whole world.* (10x)

***Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal
One, have mercy on us and on the whole
world. (3x)***

**Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the
treasury of compassion, inexhaustible, look
kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments we might not despair
nor become despondent, but with great
confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself.**

Sign of the Cross: In the Name of the Father,
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.