Station 15:
Jesus is raised from the dead

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Way of Jesus:

What a wonderful surprise for his friends when they saw that You were alive. Your body is like a new kind of body -- full of light! Yes, You are alive in a new and special way.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, help us thank God for our lives, for the good things we have been able to do, and for all the wonderful people who have blessed our lives.

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Stations of the Cross

Station 1:
Jesus is condemned to death

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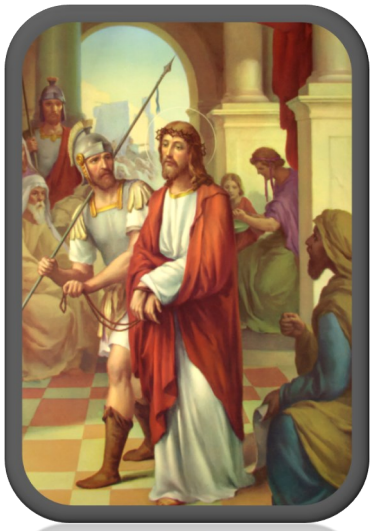

The Way of Jesus:

When the soldiers said mean and hurtful things and beat you, you stayed quiet even though you knew you had committed no crime. You trusted in God and forgave them.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, help us learn from your example. When other people mistreat us and do things that seem unfair, allow our hearts to forgive them and love them. Help us not judge other people.

Station 14:
Jesus is buried in the tomb

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Way of Jesus:

Your friends wrapped your body in a fresh clean sheet and gently placed you body in the tomb. A stone was rolled over the entrance. Your death seemed so final and it was hard for them to say goodbye.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, help us remember that death is never the end. May we never forget your promise of everlasting life. Thank you for your sacrifice.

Station 13:
Jesus is taken down from the cross

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Way of Jesus:

Your mother Mary and friends took you down from the cross. Your lifeless body felt no more pain and suffering. Mary held you tenderly in her arms. All hope seemed to be gone.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, your friends loved you deeply. Help us live in ways that show our love for You and for others. Inspire us to care for the sick and the dying with compassion and tenderness.

Station 2:
Jesus takes up his cross

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Way of Jesus:

When you began to carry the cross it was heavy and hurt on your raw beaten back. But you did not fight or complain. You accepted it as God's will.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, when we face crosses in our lives, help us embrace our burdens as you did yours. Enable us to rely on God's love to help through all the worries, fears, and sadness that weigh us down.

Station 3:
Jesus falls the first time

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Way of Jesus:

The cross you carried made you very tired and the stones hurt your feet. As you fell, pain pierced every part of your body. Even in your agony, you prayed "God, help me remember that you are here."

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, sometimes we fall down and make mistakes that cause us pain. Give us the wisdom to know that God is always right beside us in those difficult moments.

Station 12:
Jesus dies on the cross

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Way of Jesus:

In your final hours, your suffering was very great. You used your last ounce of energy to call to your Father. Then you gave your last breath and it looked like this was the end.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, you made the ultimate sacrifice by giving your life for us. Lead us in being able to do selfless acts, too. May we never take what you did for granted . Help us learn to live in love.

Station 11:
Jesus is nailed to the cross

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Way of Jesus:

Long iron spikes were used to nail You to the cross. Horrific pain jolted through your body. But instead of saying bad things to the people who are hurting You, You asked God to forgive them.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, forgiving is so hard to do. Help me find the courage to forgive others even when they hurt me to the depth of my soul.

Station 4:
Jesus meets his mother

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Way of Jesus:

Mary approached you full of sadness and grief. You took comfort in how she was there for you in your deepest hour and in seeing her deep love in her eyes.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, help us notice the look of love and concern in our parents' faces. Give us the grace to always know they are there for us in our struggles. Help us acknowledge the guidance and support they offer even when we disagree.

Station 5:
Simon helps Jesus carry the cross

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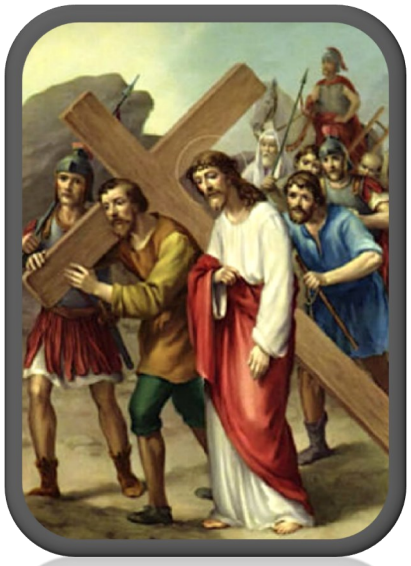
All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.



The Way of Jesus:

The soldiers enlisted Simon to help you carry the cross. You were grateful and quietly whispered, "Thank you" to Simon. Together you pressed on knowing the worst is yet to come.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, when we get caught in the middle of things like Simon, help us to react as you would want us to. Inspire us to always lend a helping hand when others are in need.

Station 10:
Jesus is stripped of His clothing

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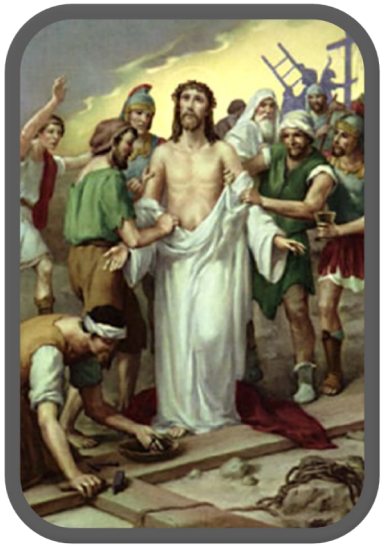
All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.



The Way of Jesus:

The soldiers pulled off your long robe and took almost all your clothes. They had You stand in front of the crowd with just a small piece of clothing and they treated with You with no dignity. Yet, You relied on God to be with you through it all.

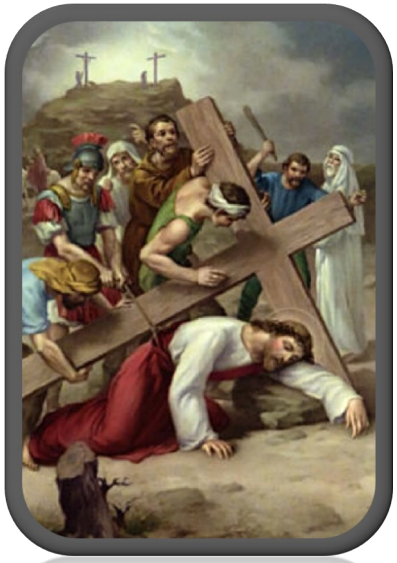
Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, help us to stand strong when we feel humiliated or made to feel foolish by others who are trying to hurt us. Help us find our self worth and dignity in You.

Station 9:
Jesus falls the third time

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.



The Way of Jesus:

Jesus, it was so hard for You to breathe and You had no energy to take another step. You had been walking a very long time. As You fell, your face hit the hard stone street. You felt excruciating pain. But You got back up even though it was hard to do so.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, sometimes we fail over and over again. We choose to sin rather than to follow your way. Help us recognize when we sin and give us the desire to sin no more.

Station 6:
Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Way of Jesus:

Veronica bravely pushed her way out of the crowd to get close to You. She gently wiped your face with a clean cloth. You were so thankful for her compassion, you left an image of your face on her cloth.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, make me aware of those who need some kindness. Give me the courage to help them through kind words or positive actions as Veronica did.

Station 7:
Jesus falls the second time

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Way of Jesus:

The walk up the steep hill to Golgotha was very difficult. You just couldn't take another step and you fell again to your bloody knees. But You remembered your promise to be faithful to God and You got back up.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, when we feel like giving up, help us remember what you did for us. Give us the strength to keep going even when we feel we cannot. Help us in our resolve to keep promises even when it is difficult.

Station 8:
Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and bless You.

All kneel: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Way of Jesus:

When you saw the weeping women, you did not think of yourself. You tried to console them. You told them not to cry because of your suffering. You told them to take of others especially their children.

Our Way to Jesus:

Jesus, it is so easy to always think of ourselves and not others especially when things are not going the way we want them to. Help us have hearts that think about other people first and are centered on caring for their needs.