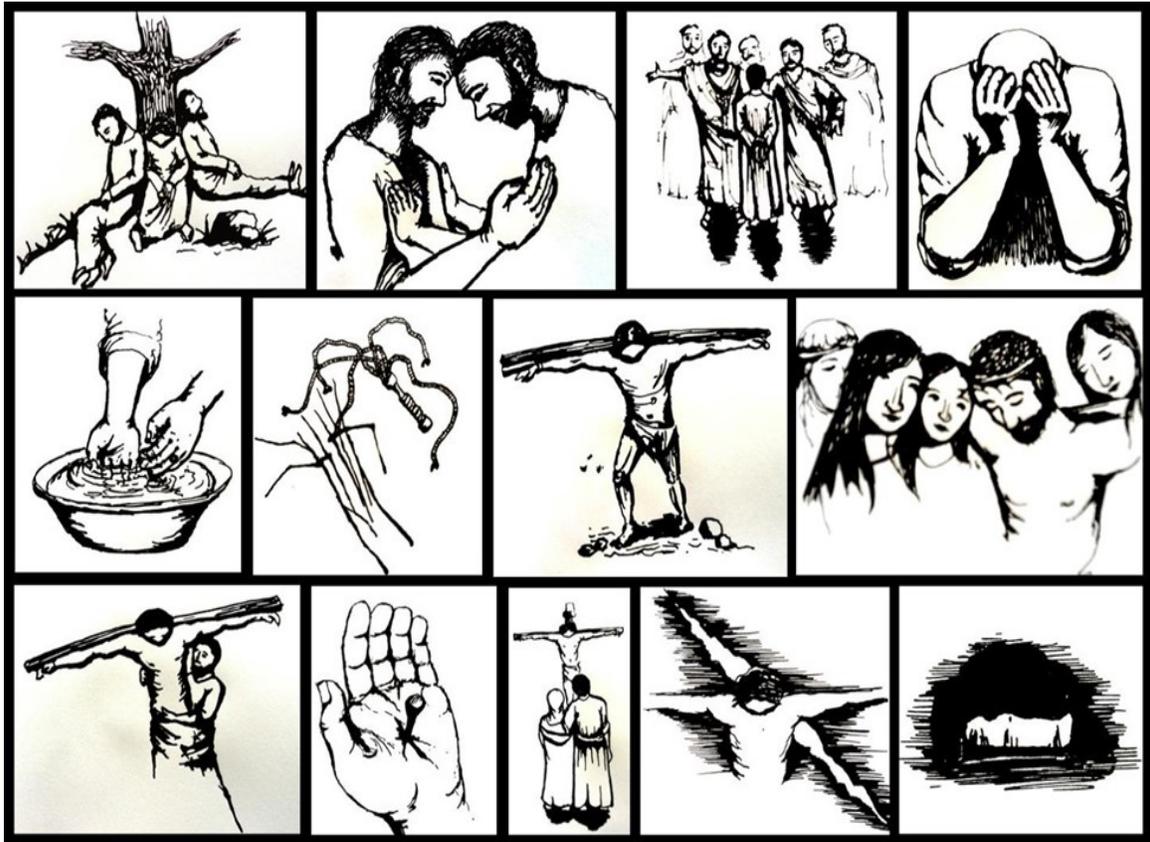


Welcome

Stations of the Cross

A Meditational Journey during Holy Week



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The following **Stations of the Cross** are presented here as a way of reflecting more deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's passion.

Thank you for stopping by and taking this journey.

How it works:

- Stop.
- Turn all devices off.
- If there are two or more gathered in the vehicle, designate someone to be the reader
- Remember not to rush through it and take time to be quiet at each station
- Pray together: God of power and mercy, in love you sent your Son that we might be cleansed of sin and live with you forever. Bless us as we gather to reflect on his suffering and death that we may learn from his example the way we should go.
- Now proceed to the first station.

FIRST STATION:

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Reader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

All: 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 26:36-41)

Reader: Lord, grant us your strength and wisdom, that we may seek to follow your will in all things. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.

Notes:

SIXTH STATION: Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

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)

Reader: Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise.

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.

Notes:

SEVENTH STATION: Jesus Bears the Cross

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)

Reader: Lord, grant us strength of purpose that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day.

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.

Notes:

EIGHTH STATION: Jesus is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian to Carry the Cross

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)

Reader: Lord, grant us willing spirits that we may be your instruments on earth.

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.

Notes:

**NINTH STATION:
Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem**

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)

Reader: Lord, grant us gentle spirits that we may comfort those who mourn.

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.

Notes:

**TENTH STATION:
Jesus is Crucified**

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)

Reader: Lord, grant us merciful hearts that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all.

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord

Notes:

ELEVENTH STATION: Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief

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)

Reader: Lord, grant us perseverance that we may never stop seeking you.

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.

Notes:

TWELFTH STATION: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple

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)

Reader: Lord, grant us constancy that we may be willing to stand by those in need.

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.

Notes:

THIRTEENTH STATION: Jesus Dies on the Cross

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)

Reader: Lord, grant us trust in you that when our time on earth in ended our spirits may come to you without delay.

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.

Notes:

FOURTEENTH STATION: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

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)

Reader: Lord, grant us your compassion that we may always provide for those in need.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to you. May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Notes:

Thank you for taking this journey with us and we pray that it provided you with a special blessing this Holy Week.

You are welcome to come back if you'd like to take the journey again!

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OUR MISSION: *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:18-20

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