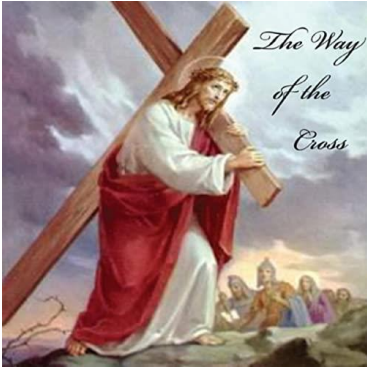


Franciscan Short Way of the Cross:



After one says the name of the station, say: We adore you O Christ and we praise you, because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

After one recites the station, say: I love you Jesus my Love. I repent of ever having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

One then says one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

At the end, one says: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

1. Jesus is condemned to death: Oh Jesus, so meek and humble of heart, teach me resignation in trials.
2. Jesus carries His cross: Oh Jesus, this cross should be mine, not Thine. My sins crucified Thee.
3. Jesus falls the first time: Oh Jesus, by this first fall, never let me fall into mortal sin.
4. Jesus meets His mother: Oh Jesus, may no human tie, however dear, keep me from following the road of the Cross.
5. Simon the Cyrenean helps Jesus to carry His Cross: Oh Jesus, Simon unwillingly assisted Thee. May I with patience suffer all for Thee.
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus: Oh Jesus, Thou didst imprint Thy features upon Veronica's veil. Stamp them also indelibly upon my heart.
7. Jesus falls the second time: By Thy second fall, preserve me, dear Lord, from relapse into sin.
8. Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem: Oh Jesus, my greatest consolation would be to hear Thee say, "Many sins are forgiven thee for thou has loved much."
9. Jesus falls the third time: Oh Jesus, when I am weary upon life's long journey, be Thou my strength and my perseverance.
10. Jesus is stripped of His garments: My soul has been robbed of its robe of innocence; clothe me, dear Jesus with the garb of penance and contrition.
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross: Thou didst forgive Thy enemies. My God, teach me to forgive injuries and forget them.
12. Jesus dies on the cross: Thou art dying, my Jesus, but Thy Sacred Heart still throbs with love for Thy sinful children.
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross: Receive me into thy arms, O Sorrowful Mother, and obtain for me perfect contrition for my sins.
14. Jesus is laid in the sepulcher: When I receive Thee into my heart in Holy Communion, O Jesus, make it a fit abiding place for Thy adorable Body.

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