

## OPENING PRAYER

*Presider:*

Almighty and Ever-living God,

Through the Passion of your beloved Son you reveal to us your heart and shower your mercy on all your children.

As we enter into Christ's Passion we seek to abandon ourselves entirely to you; enlighten us, lead us, uphold us, take possession of us.

With Mary, his Mother and ours, and all of your saints, we bring You these prayers. We raise them for ourselves and for all humanity, so that the grace of this Way of the Cross might reach every human heart and fill them with that unfailing hope which radiates from the cross of Jesus.

Through Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with You in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All:            AMEN

1ST STATION:  
JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

**Presider:** Jesus is Condemned to Death  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt  
down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup  
from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

— Luke 22.41-42

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

Eternal Father, out of love for you and for the world, your Son  
our Lord Jesus humbled himself on our behalf. As we  
contemplate the revelation of your mercy on the Cross, we pray  
that we may be attached to him, so that with him we might let  
your will be ours. Through Jesus Christ, your Son who lives  
and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God  
forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

2ND STATION:  
JESUS BEARS HIS CROSS

**Presider:** Jesus Bears His Cross  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have  
loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's  
life for one's friends.

— John 15.12-13

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

Almighty and Ever-living God, we thank you for the gift of  
your commandment of love which has revealed your mercy to  
us. Renew and strengthen us, that through our humble  
obedience your glory might shine throughout our world.  
Through Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you  
in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when He took His heavy cross?*

3RD STATION:  
JESUS FALLS FOR THE FIRST TIME

**Presider:** Jesus Falls for the First Time  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my  
soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth  
justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or  
make it heard in the street. — Isaiah 42.1-2

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

Eternal Father, whose only Begotten Son chose to take on our  
very human flesh, grant, we pray that we may be inwardly  
transformed through him so that we might know your delight in  
us as your children. Through Jesus Christ, your Son who lives  
and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God  
forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when He stumbled and He fell?*

4TH STATION:  
JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

**Presider:** Jesus Meets His Mother  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This  
child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel,  
and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts  
of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own  
soul too.” — Luke 2.34-35

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

Almighty and Ever-living God, who through the Blessed  
Virgin Mary gave the human race the grace of eternal  
salvation. Grant that we may share in her sorrow so that the  
holy Passion of our Lord may remain always within us as a  
reminder of your great and merciful love. Through Jesus  
Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in unity with  
the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when He saw her in the crowd?*

THE 5TH STATION:  
SIMON HELPS JESUS

**Presider:** Simon Helps Jesus  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

They compelled a passerby, who was coming in from the  
country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father  
of Alexander and Rufus. — *Mark 15.21*

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

Eternal Father, you have loved us with a tender mercy. While  
the cross of your Son gives meaning to every cross, you have  
also given us the extraordinary grace to participate in the  
mystery of your redemption. Grant that our hearts may be full  
of charity and love for our neighbor. Through Jesus Christ,  
your Son who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy  
Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when Simon helped Him on?*

THE 6TH STATION:  
VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

**Presider:** Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

He is the image of the invisible God,... For in him all the  
fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God  
was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth  
or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.  
— *Colossians 1.15,19-20*

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

Almighty and Ever-living God, who through your Son have  
shown us the face of your mercy. Grant that we may be  
washed clean by his precious blood, and that the glory of your  
image be restored in us. Through Jesus Christ, your Son who  
lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one  
God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when she wiped His bloody face?*

THE 7TH STATION:  
JESUS FALLS FOR THE SECOND TIME

**Presider:** Jesus Falls the Second Time  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth.

– Isaiah 42.3-4

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

Eternal Father, You are near to all who suffer and You place in their hearts the strength to rise again. Be with us O Lord, you who are Mercy incarnate, especially when we are most in need of your forgiveness and peace. Through Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when He fell down once again?*

THE 8TH STATION:  
JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN

**Presider:** Jesus Speaks to the Women  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** 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.”

– Luke 23.27-28

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

Almighty and Ever-living God, whose Eucharist sustains and nourishes us throughout our lives. Fill us, we pray, with Your infinite mercy and grace, so that we may join with our brothers and sisters in the work of your tender compassion. Through Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when they wept because of Him?*

THE 9TH STATION:  
JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

**Presider:** Jesus Falls the Third Time  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and  
afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed  
for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us  
whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

— *Isaiah 53.4-5*

*Silent Reflection*

**Presider:**

Eternal Father, author of every mercy and of all goodness,  
grant that we may receive to the very end the hope and the love  
that you have given us. May everyone confront the challenges  
of life with the strength and faithfulness which were yours in  
the final moments of your cross. Through Jesus Christ, your  
Son who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy  
Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when He fell down to His knees?*

THE 10TH STATION:  
JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

**Presider:** Jesus is Stripped of His Garments  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming  
in human likeness; and being found in human form, he  
humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2.7-8*

*Silent Reflection*

**Presider:**

Almighty and Ever-living God, who in the Word became flesh,  
so that we might know the truth and fullness of your love for  
us. In wonder and thanksgiving we contemplate the face of  
your Son, and pray that we might recognize in ourselves the  
mysterious splendor of your likeness. Through Jesus Christ,  
your Son who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy  
Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when stripped Him of His clothes?*

THE 11TH STATION:  
JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

**Presider:** Jesus is Nailed to the Cross  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, "Forgive them; they do not know what they are doing."  
— Luke 23:33-34a,

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

O Most Holy Crucified One, nailed to the cross for us, grant us Your forgiveness and Your mercy. May Your forgiveness live deep within each human heart as the assurance of a love that saves and makes each of us new, allowing us to remain with you for ever. Through Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross?*

THE 12TH STATION:  
JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

**Presider:** Jesus Dies on the Cross  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** 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, while the sun's light failed and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I command my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last..

— Luke 23.44-46

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

O Most Merciful Jesus, who as an example of humility for the human race took flesh and submitted to the Cross, graciously grant that we might follow you in patient love and obedience and so to merit a share in your resurrection. Through Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when He died upon the cross?*

THE 13TH STATION:

JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

**Presider:** Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

And I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that, when they look on the one whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

— Zechariah 12.10

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

Eternal Father, who through his beloved Son has poured out His love for the world. With our hope in you ever alive and with hearts enflamed by the magnitude of your mercy, we fix our gaze on the gift of Your eternal salvation. Grant that responding in love, we may merit what has been freely given. Through Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when they took Him from the cross?*

THE 14TH STATION:

JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

**Presider:** Jesus is Laid in the Tomb  
We adore You, O Christ and we bless You,

**All:** because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world!

**Reader:**

Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.

— Matthew 27:59-60

Silent Reflection

**Presider:**

Almighty and Ever-living God, whose desire for his children was revealed in the quiet darkness of the tomb. From the depths of our hearts hear the voices of your children. Grant that seeing in you our nature, and in the love of your sleeping face, we may find our joy and our rest. Through Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** AMEN

† *Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?*



## CLOSING PRAYER

**Presider:**

Almighty and ever-living God,  
As we have followed Jesus in his Passion and Death,  
our hearts have been opened  
by Your steadfast and transforming love.

Grant us the courage and hope  
to walk with Jesus each and every day.

May we witness to the life-giving truth  
of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection  
in our words and in our actions,  
so that together we might work  
in the service of Your Kingdom.

Through Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns  
with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.

All:            AMEN