

**Prayers for Ten Stations of the Cross
The Treasury of Devotion**

First station: Jesus is condemned to death



O innocent Jesus, who with wonderful submission was for our sakes condemned to die. Grant that we may bear in mind that our sins were the

false-witnesses; our blasphemies, backbitings, and evil speakings were the cause of thy accepting with gladness the sentence of the impious judge. O may this thought touch our hearts and make us hate those sins which caused thy death.

Second station: Jesus receives his cross



O blessed Jesus, grant us by virtue of thy cross and bitter passion, cheerfully to submit to and willingly to embrace all the trials and difficulties of this our earthly pilgrimage, and may we be always ready to

take up our cross daily and follow thee.

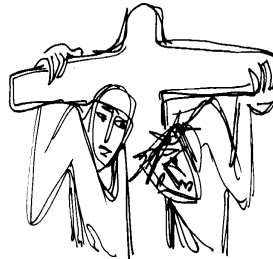
Third station: Jesus falls under the weight of the cross



O Jesus, who for our sins didst bear the heavy burden of the cross and didst fall under its weight, may the thought of thy sufferings make us watchful against

temptation, and do thou stretch out thy sacred hand to help us lest we fall into any grievous sin.

Fourth station: The cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene



O Jesus! I thank thee, that thou has permitted me to suffer with thee, may it be my privilege to bear my cross, may I glory in nothing else; by it may the world be crucified unto me, and I

unto the world, may I never shrink from suffering, but rather rejoice, if I be counted worthy to suffer for thy name's sake.

Fifth station: Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem



O Lord Jesus, we mourn and will mourn both for thee and for ourselves; for thy sufferings, and for our sins which caused them. O, teach us so to mourn, that we may be comforted, and escape

those dreadful judgements prepared for all those who reject or neglect them.

Sixth station: Jesus is stripped of his garments



O Lord Jesus! Thou didst suffer shame for our most shameful deeds. Take from us, we beseech thee, all false shame, conceit, and pride, and make us so to humble ourselves in this life, that we may escape everlasting shame in the life to

come.