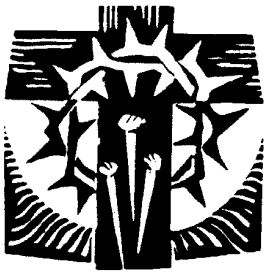


Seventh station: Jesus is nailed to the cross



O Jesus! Crucified for me, subdue my heart with thy holy fear and love, and since my sins were the cruel nails that pierced thee, grant that in

sorrow for my past life I may pierce and nail to thy cross all that offends thee.

Eighth station: Jesus hangs on the cross



O Jesus! We do devoutly embrace that honoured cross, where thou didst love us even unto death. In thy death is all our hope. Henceforth let us live only unto thee, so that whether we live or die we may be thine.

Ninth station: Jesus is taken down from the cross



O Lord Jesus, grant that we may never refuse that cross, which thou hast laid upon us: who willed not to be taken down from the cross, until thou hadst accomplished the work which thou camest to do.

Tenth station: Jesus is laid in the sepulchre



O Jesus, most compassionate Lord, we adore thee dead and enclosed in the holy sepulchre. We desire to enclose thee within our hearts, that, united to thee, we may

rise to newness of life, and by the gift of final perseverance die in thy grace.

Stations of the Cross

These devotions reflect the practice of pilgrims to Jerusalem who, from earliest times to the current day, have followed the way of the Cross from the house of Pilate to Calvary and wished to re-enact this journey on their return home.

The traditional pilgrimage route in Jerusalem starts at the site of Pilate's Judgement Hall in the Antonia and follows the Via Dolorosa through the narrow streets of Old Jerusalem to come to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on Calvary Hill.

When the Franciscans received custody of the holy places in medieval times, they encouraged the erection of tableaux in their own churches depicting the sacrificial journey. The custom spread widely to other churches.

The Stations of the Cross can be said anywhere, though in a church or outside one is most customary. It would be an inspiring family devotion to make simple stations and arrange them in the home, perhaps along a hallway or around the walls of the living room. To pray the way of the cross requires only that you meditate at each station.

Advance Notice

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at 8pm**

