

The Way of the Cross

AND COVID-19

***+In the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

Opening Prayer (from the Roman Missal):

**O God, our refuge in trials, our
strength in sickness, our
comfort in sorrow, spare your
people, we pray, that, though
rightly chastised
now by affliction, we may find relief
at last through your loving mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

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FIRST STATION

Jesus is condemned to death

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have
redeemed the world.*

Lord Jesus, the one thing of which we are sure is that one day we shall die. If we will remember that we are going to die someday, then we will live every day as precious and unrepeatable, with the gifts and graces given us today, and every day until we die. Help us to live well. Please grant all of us the grace of a holy death, especially those who are sick due to COVID-19, and are struggling to live.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*



SECOND STATION

Jesus carries the Cross

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

Lord, you take upon yourself the burden of the cross and all that weighs us down. Give us the strength to walk onward this collective Way of the Cross named COVID-19. May we help others to endure in the trials and suffering of their lives, with joy undefeated. We pray for those whom God has entrusted the task of ensuring the common good: the leaders of our Church and State who are struggling to find ways to provide for the needs of everyone in this time of crisis.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*

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THIRD STATION
*Jesus falls the
first time*

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

Jesus, when we fall and feel discouraged, may we know that you are especially close to us then, bearing our shame and giving us the strength to stand up on our feet and begin to walk again.

Make our hearts tender toward all those who fall under the weight of this cross, especially for those countries who are at a loss and are pained due to the increasing number of cases and deaths in their land due to COVID-19.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*

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FOURTH STATION

Jesus meets His mother

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.*

All suffering is embraced by God when Jesus and his mother meet on the way of the cross. Jesus is every child lost prematurely; Mary is every parent grieving for his or her child. Lord be close to all who lose or become distant from people they love. Be especially close to the families and loved ones of those infected by the disease, who cannot come close to each other due to the fear of transmission.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*

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FIFTH STATION
*Simon helps
Jesus carry the
Cross*

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

Lord Jesus, may I be unashamed to accept help when I need it, and may I be eager to offer it when others have needs. May our mutual dependence be a source of joy and an occasion of grace, knitting us together in the community of your love. We pray for our government leaders, medical personnel, priests, armed services, first responders, who badly need extraordinary grace at this moment. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*

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SIXTH STATION

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

Lord Jesus, may I see with your compassion and smile with your radiance, so that your unfailing tenderness is made flesh and blood in me. May I always be alert to those who feel invisible and despised. May I help them to recognize that they are your brothers and sisters sharing in your dignity. We pray for others who continue to serve the people amidst the crisis- government and private employees, professionals, food and service personnel, members of the media, church personnel, and for all those who volunteer to give or take care of the sick, poor and the needy in this time of pandemic.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*

SEVENTH STATION



*Jesus falls for
the second time*

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

Lord Jesus, after so many falls, let me not lose hope for happiness and holiness. If you are with me, then I am not doomed to be stuck in the endless repetition of my failures. May your grace arise in the wilderness of my heart. Give us a new beginning even today. Help your people to arise beyond what is physical to see the spiritual dynamic at work in our midst. Grant timely help for those who are struggling to keep their faith in God in the midst of COVID-19.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*



EIGHTH STATION

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

Lord Jesus, be close to all of us who are in pain because we are unable to encounter the Lord by receiving the Sacraments of the Church. Make us feel Your presence in this time of need, and grant us the gift of true contrition that takes away even the hardest sins. May we weep not only because of the disease that is spreading throughout our land, but also because of the gravity of our sins that separate us from You and from one another.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*

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NINTH STATION



*Jesus falls the
third time.*

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

*R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

Lord Jesus, you tenderly care for all of us who have fallen. We recognize that we have failed greatly in our love for You and for our neighbor. Forgive our sins, especially when we have become greedy and indifferent to the needs of others in this time of pandemic. Forgive us, when we are tempted to disobey the decisions made by our government and church leaders for the common good. Grant forgiveness of our sins, and deliver us from the scourge of this disease.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!

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TENTH STATION

Jesus is stripped of His garments

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

Lord Jesus, your garments were ripped apart from you: the God who is able to clothe flowers in garments finer than that of Solomon, and of providing a home for the poor, is now naked and cold, exposed to the elements. At this moment, just like in many other times during your life, you experienced poverty and humiliation. We pray for those who are in economic difficulty, unable to provide food on their families' tables, because of the suspension of work due to the disease.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*



ELEVENTH
STATION

*Jesus is nailed
to the Cross*

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

Lord Jesus, your life had seemed so full of promise, and yet it ended in the disgrace of the cross. Embrace all those who seem to be utter failures. And as you are close to us in these dark moments, so may we share with you in the radiance of your resurrection. Be close to those who are being monitored or under investigation for COVID-19, and for those who are severely worried for their health, such as the aged, infirm, and immunocompromised.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*



TWELFTH STATION

Jesus dies on the Cross

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

**Lord Jesus, be with us today and in the
hour of our death. Help us
to live holy and worthy lives as our
preparation for death. Before our death,
inspire us to offer reparation for our sins
that we may be well prepared for
our particular judgment. Be close to those
who are dying, and grant eternal
rest to those who have died due to COVID-
19, especially in our own country.**

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*



THIRTEENTH
STATION

*Jesus is taken
down from the
Cross*

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

Lord Jesus, now you are lowered from the cross into the hands of those who loved you and who stayed by your side to the end. Be with those who are grieving the loss of a loved one due to COVID-19.

Help us to realize that our lives does not end with death, but that eternal life is waiting for all of us, where You will wipe away every tear from our eyes remove every sorrow and pain for us.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

V. From the pandemic,
and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*



FOURTEENTH
STATION

*Jesus is laid in
the tomb*

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R. *Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed
the world.*

Lord Jesus, now you are laid to rest in the tomb. May we rest in your love, confident that even when the future is obscure, we nestle in your Father's care.

Amidst the fear, worry, and despair that this crisis brings, may each one of us be able to find hope and consolation from You. Grant that we may rise above this crisis, just as You have defeated death by your own Resurrection..

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and from other diseases of body and spirit,

R. *Deliver us, O good and merciful Jesus!*