

**The Thirteenth Station:
Jesus is taken down from the cross**

John 19:33-34: When the soldiers came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

**The Fourteenth Station:
Jesus is placed in the tomb**

John 19:38-41 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Stations of the Cross Treasure Hunt
Begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Start by saying,

"We adore you, O Christ, because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the whole world"

as the introduction of every station.

Next, read the title of each station, *pause to reflect* on what is happening with Jesus in that station.

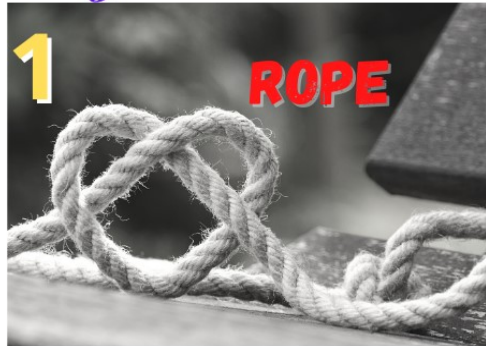
Then, *hunt for the item* that is associated with the station.

Finally, finish all the stations with the *Lord's Prayer*.

Prayer Options:

- 1) **Begin on March 19th, pray one stations each day for 14 days and end on Holy Thursday**
- 2) **Pray all 14 stations in sequence on Wednesdays & Fridays beginning March 19th and ending on Good Friday**

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The Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time

Psalm 22:6-7: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

The Eighth Station: Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem

Luke 23:27-28 [As Jesus walked toward Golgotha], a large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him; and he turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me...for behold, the days are coming..."

The Ninth Station: Jesus falls the third time

Psalm 22:14: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

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The Fourth Station: Jesus meets his Blessed Mother

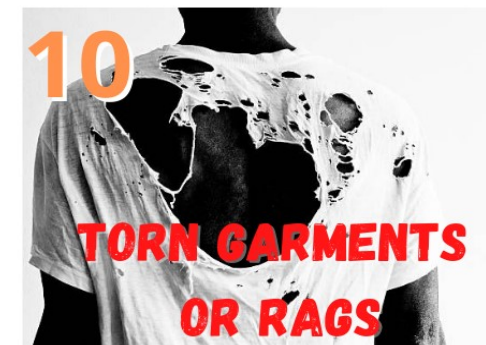
Luke 2:34-35: Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, Jesus' mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

The Fifth Station: Simon helps Jesus carry his cross

Luke 23:26: As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

The Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Matthew 10:40,42: He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."



because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the whole world.

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day.

Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. They can also appear in church yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred.

The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, and this has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions.

The First Station: Jesus is condemned to death

Mark 15:12-14: [Pilate brought Jesus outside and said to the people], "What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" "Crucify him!" they shouted. "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

The Second Station: Jesus is made to carry the cross

John 19:16-17: The soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

The Third Station: Jesus falls the first time

Philippians 2:8: And being found in human form, Jesus humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.