

The Way of the Cross

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Preparatory Prayer

(to be said kneeling before the altar)

ALL: My Lord, Jesus Christ,

You have made this journey to die for me with love unutterable; and I have so many times unworthily abandoned You. But now I love You with my whole heart; and, because I love You, I repent sincerely for having ever offended You. Pardon me, my God, and permit me to accompany You on this journey. You go to die for love of me; I wish also, my beloved Redeemer, to die for love of You. My Jesus, I will live and die always united to You.

Dear Jesus, You go to die for very love of me; Let me bear You company; I wish to die with You.



VI



The Tenth Station:

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

V: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.
(*Genuflect*)

R: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (*Rise*)

V: Consider how Jesus Christ, after being scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the cross. (*Kneel*)

R: My innocent Jesus, by the merits of the torment You have felt, help me to strip myself of all affection to things of earth, in order that I may place all my love in You, Who are so worthy of my love. I love You, Jesus, with my whole heart; i repent of having offended You. Never permit me to offend You again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me what You will.

(*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*)

Unto Christ, with pure emotion.
Raise my contrite heart's devotion.
Love to read in every wound.



O Most Holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and the death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, in order that, being disengaged from all undue affections for the passing joys of this earth, I may long for the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforth all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed toward this one most desirable object.

Honor, glory, and love to our Divine Lord Jesus, and to the Holy and Immaculate Mother of God. Amen.