



The Twelfth Station Jesus Dies On The Cross

Between two criminals, a mocking title above his head, with only Mary and John and Mary Magdalene to support him, Jesus surrenders his last breath: 'Into your hands I commend my spirit'.

Jesus, you share with me the mystical love of your Father, your Spirit and yourself. Dwelling within me; closer to me than I am to myself. Through my inadequacies, doubts and prayers I, like you, must give my life as a ransom for many.



The Thirteenth Station Jesus Is Taken Down From The Cross

His suffering is over now. He is at peace. The chalice has passed, but only after it has been drained.

Jesus, may thy cross defend me,
and thy saving death befriend me,
cherished by thy deathless grace.



The Fourteenth Station Jesus Is Laid In The Tomb

They take the body of Jesus to its resting place. The huge stone over the tomb is the final sign of the permanence of death. In this final act of surrender, who would have imagined this tomb would soon be empty or that Jesus would show himself alive to his disciples, or that they would recognise him in the breaking of bread? Oh, that our hearts might burn within us, as we realise how he had to suffer and die so as to enter into his glory, for us.

In the fullness of faith in the Risen One, given by his own Holy Spirit, I express my gratitude for this way of the cross.

I ask Jesus, whose hands, feet and side still bear the signs of this journey, to grant me the grace I need to take up my own cross to be a servant of his mission.

Response at each station

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

At the end:

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The Conclusion

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death
between your judgment and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.

Give mercy and grace to the living;
pardon and rest to the dead;
to your holy Church peace and concord
and to us sinners, everlasting life and glory;
for you live and reign now and for ever.

Amen.

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom
in the words our Saviour taught us.

The Lord's Prayer.