



My First Way of the Cross

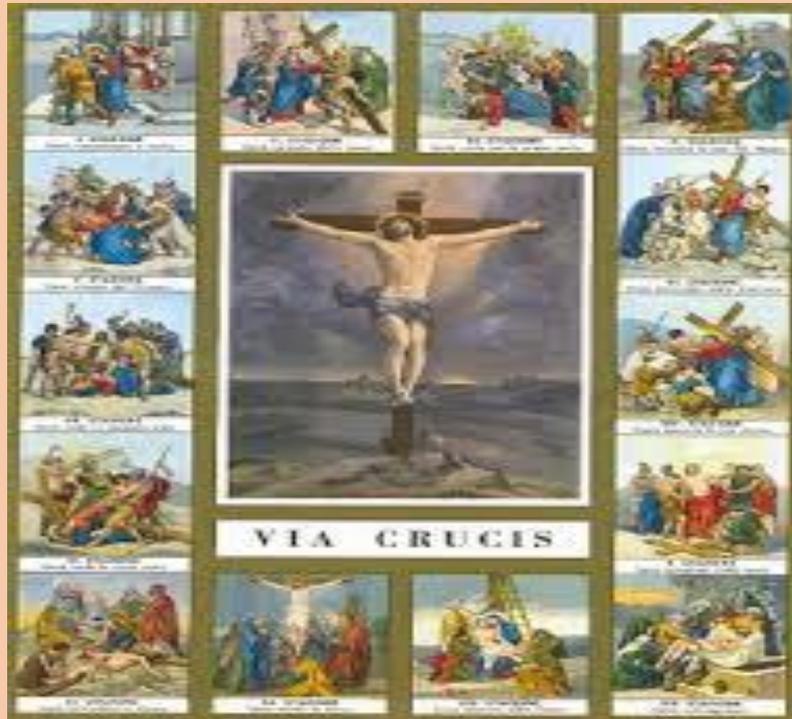
Preface

This illustrated book helps children make their first Way of the cross.

Lord Jesus, we want to make the Way of the Cross. We want to make it as if we were there at the moment of your passion. Help us in particular to gain the indulgences attached to it. Give to the souls in purgatory a rich share in them.

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THE WAY OF THE CROSS



Lord Jesus, we want to make the way of the cross.

On arriving at each station say:

We adore you, O Christ, and bless you,
because by your Holy Cross you have
redeemed the world.

Recite:

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Have Mercy on us Lord, have mercy on
us.

FIRST STATION



Pilate condemns Jesus to death

O loving Jesus, You who are innocence itself, are condemned to death. It is I who am the real culprit. Pardon me and do not punish me with death before I have the happiness of making a good confession.

SECOND STATION



Jesus is laden with the cross

O good Jesus, you take the heavy cross with resignation on your shoulders to teach me to bear with patience all that may happen to me. In my trials, I will think hereafter of your divine example.

THIRD STATION



Jesus falls the first time.

It is not only the heavy cross but especially my sins that make you fall. O my saviour, I beseech you, to guard me against falling into sin and to give me the grace of loving you above all.

FOURTH STATION



Jesus meets his mother.

O lovable Jesus, let me console Mary in the great sorrow that she must have felt at this moment. With your grace I shall do so by showing her great affection and reverence.

FIFTH STATION



Simon of Cyrene carries the cross with Jesus.

What happiness was yours, Simon, to be able to help Jesus to carry this cross. I wish to partake of this happiness in reliving Jesus by my patience in trials and worries. Grant me your grace, O Jesus, to do that.

SIXTH STATION



Veronica wipes Jesus' face

Your beautiful face, O Jesus was disfigured with blood, dust and spittle! Veronica brought a veil to wipe it. Give me the grace, O my Lord, of purifying my soul from my sins by a good confession.

SEVENTH STATION



Jesus falls a second time

Jesus I entreat you by the merits of your second fall to give me the grace to live piously always and not to fall again into the same faults.

EIGHTH STATION



Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem

The women of Jerusalem cried for you,
O Jesus, and you consoled them. O my
Lord, make me sorry for my sins, which
are the cause of your passion.

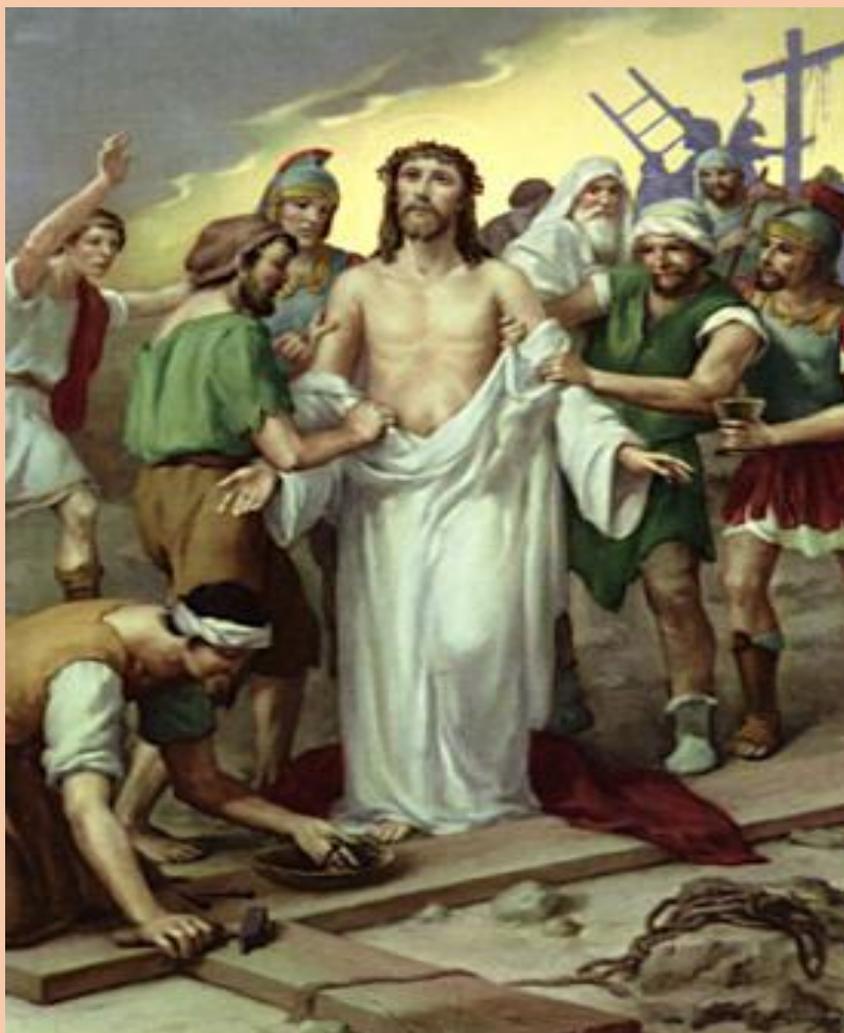
NINTH STATION



Jesus falls a third time

O Jesus. Your strength fails you, the weight makes you weak. You fall for the third time. I am powerless to help you. However, with the help of your grace, I will correct my faults so that your merits may be supplied to me and save me.

TENTH STATION



Jesus is stripped of his garments

The cruel soldiers tear from you without pity the robe that Mary made for you. Let me, O my good Lord, by the merits of these new sufferings always live chastely and separate myself from the goods of this world.

ELEVENTH STATION



Jesus is nailed to the cross

Jesus, by the pain that you felt in your hands and feet during the Crucifixion. Never let my hands do dishonest actions and never let my feet be led to places that might be an occasion of sin to me.

TWELFTH STATION



Jesus dies on the cross

After three hours of terrible sufferings, you die on the cross, O my Lord, so you have made, by your sufferings, the shameful cross a sign of salvation. O Jesus, make me proud to be a Catholic and make me never ashamed to admit it.

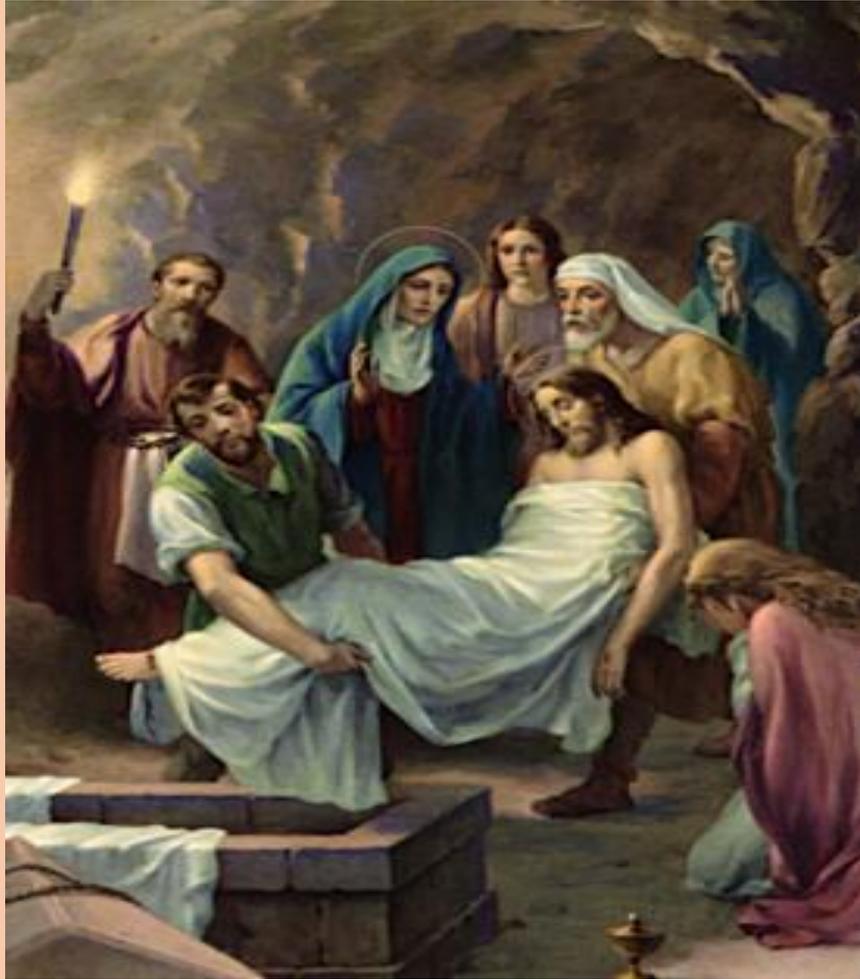
THIRTEENTH STATION



**Jesus is taken down from the cross,
and given to his mother.**

O my well beloved and good friend,
Mother Mary! At his death as at his
birth, I see Jesus in your arms. I will
make my visits to him therefore always
with you and near you. Offer him my
prayers, for then I have no doubt that he
will hearken to them.

FOURTEENTH STATION



Jesus is put in the tomb

The sacred body of Jesus is placed in the tomb and will gloriously arise after three days. O Jesus, repose often in my heart. Come there especially at the hour of death, so that I may rise one day to happiness eternal.



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