

I

Jesus is Condemned to Death by Pilate

Speaker 1: The first station- Jesus is condemned to death by Pilate. We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: How rejected must Jesus have felt? The people who used to be his friends, are now shouting for him to be killed. Pilate has the power to stop this but he doesn't. How do we treat our friends and family? Do we always remember the things they have done for us? Or do we reject them in front of others?

Prayer:



II

Jesus takes up his cross

Speaker 1: The second station- Jesus takes up his cross.
We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: Jesus has been beaten, mocked and laughed at. Now they give him a heavy cross to carry. He has to carry it through the city barefoot to where he will be nailed to it. We face challenges every day; some big, some small, Jesus shares these challenges with us.

Prayer:



III

Jesus falls the first time

Speaker 1: The third station- Jesus falls the first time.
We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: The cross is heavy, Jesus stumbles and falls.
He doesn't give up, he is only beginning his journey with the cross, he has got to keep going; he knows he is doing this to save us.
Are there times when we think we can't go on? Are there times when we struggle with our own challenges?

Prayer:



IV

Jesus meets his mother

Speaker 1: The fourth station- Jesus meets his mother.
We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: Everyone else has left Jesus but Mary stays with him. On this journey she gives him love and comfort, he sees her and her love keeps him going. Jesus tells his disciples that Mary is now their mother and as his followers Mary is our mother too.

Prayer:

V

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross

Speaker 1: The fifth station- Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross. We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: The soldiers are getting impatient, Jesus is taking too long he is walking too slowly. They grab a man and make him help Jesus. What is Simon thinking? What is he feeling? Does he want to do it? He helps Jesus as he sees that Jesus needs help. Are we as willing to help those in need?

Prayer:



VI

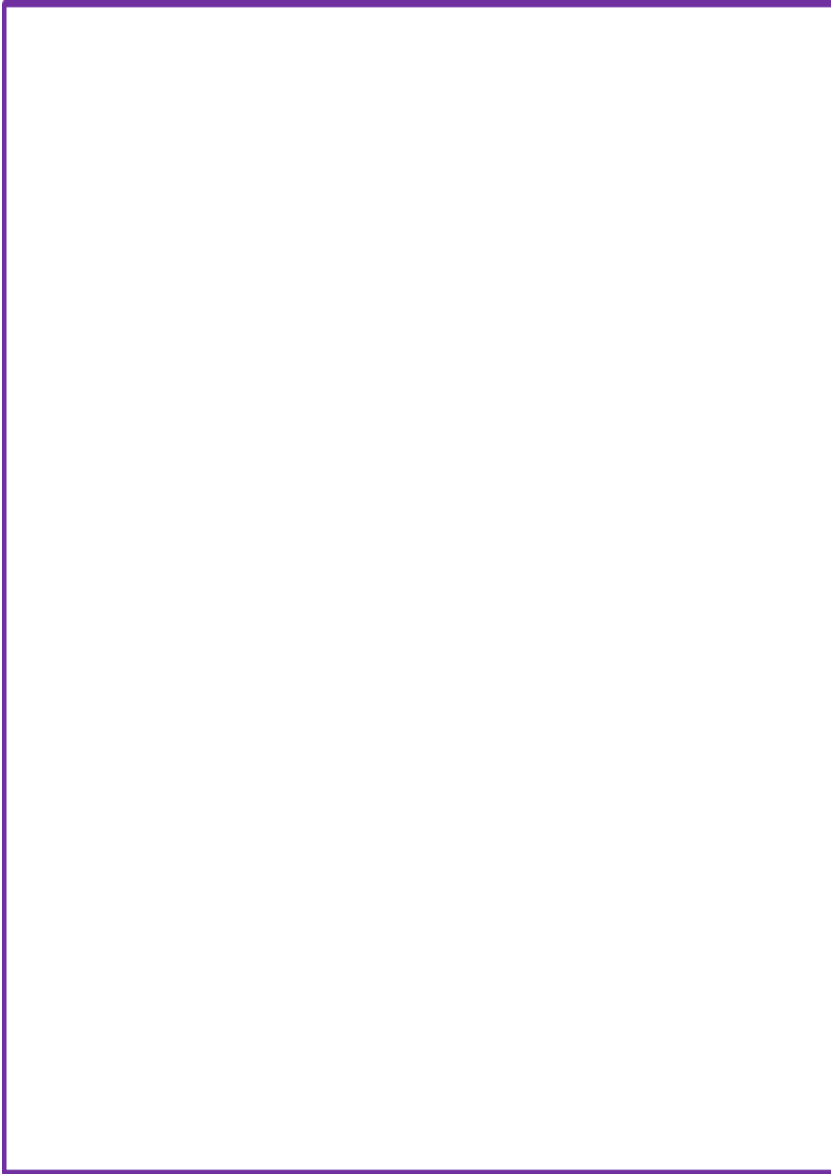
Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Speaker 1: The sixth station- Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: We don't know much about Veronica, just that she did a simple act of love to Jesus to care for him when no one else would. It is said that the image of Jesus' face was left on the cloth she used. When we help others in need we are like Veronica and we will also see Jesus face in them.

Prayer:



VII

Jesus falls the second time

Speaker 1: The seventh station- Jesus falls the second time. We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: Jesus struggles on under the heavy cross he is even more tired with each step. His legs give way and he falls. What great strength he has to decide to keep on going, to not give up. Are you struggling to go on? If so ask Jesus for some of his courage.

Prayer:

VIII

Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem

Speaker 1: The eight station- Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem. We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: A large number of people followed him, including women who cried for him. Even in all this pain he comforts them. Jesus shows how deep his love is, he is upset when he sees his followers upset. Do we think about how fortunate we are? Are we grateful for all the lovely things we have? Do we pray for those who are poor, hungry, sick or homeless?

Prayer:



IX

Jesus falls the third time

Speaker 1: The ninth station- Jesus falls the third time.
We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: Jesus must be really exhausted at this point as he falls a third time. This is his biggest fall, how does he manage to get up again? He has the power to avoid all this but he doesn't. He accepts it all so that we know he shares our suffering and pain.

Prayer:



X

Jesus is stripped of his garments

Speaker 1: The tenth station- Jesus is stripped of his garments. We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: Jesus has reached the place he will be crucified and now he suffers the humiliation of having all his clothes taken from him. They only want his clothes now and not him. Do we ever use people for their possessions? Do we want to be their friend because they have a PS4? Or an iPad? Do we ever take things from people because we think we deserve them more?

Prayer:



XI

Jesus is nailed to the Cross

Speaker 1: The eleventh station- Jesus is nailed to the Cross. We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: Not only does Jesus have to experience the pain of being nailed to a cross, but people mock him and make fun of him too. Jesus still loves them, he asks God to forgive them. Are we as forgiving? Do we forgive those who hurt us?

Prayer:

XII

Jesus dies on the Cross

Speaker 1: The twelfth station- Jesus dies on the cross.
We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

Jesus didn't have to do any of this, he didn't have to die. But he chose to. He takes all of this sin, pain and hurt and puts in on the cross; and it dies with him.

Prayer:

XIII

Jesus is taken down from the Cross

Speaker 1: The thirteenth station- Jesus is taken down from the cross. We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: When it was evening, there came a rich man named Joseph, took the body and wrapped it in a clean cloth. Jesus had thousands and thousands of followers but now only a few are left. The rest have abandoned him. Do we ever desert Jesus? Do we reject him to look cool? Avoid praying or going to Church to impress others?

Prayer:

XIV

Jesus is buried in the tomb

Speaker 1: The fourteenth station- Jesus is buried in the tomb. We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Speaker 2: How devastated must his friends have been? They believed Jesus was the messiah, the Son of God; but here he is buried in a tomb. Though this is not the end, three days later they returned and found that he was not dead. He was alive, he had beaten death. When we are scared, upset or think there is no hope, turn to Jesus he destroyed death, he can help us with anything!

Prayer: