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## *The Passion of Our Lord and Why We Go To Mass*

Christianity and The Holy Roman Catholic Church have been mocked and persecuted since Jesus Christ walked the earth. Christ and His followers have incurred the wrath of Satan's minions throughout all ages: the jealous, the powerful, the lovers of self, the non-believing; and the Jews, the chosen people, hated Jesus enough to betray Him, calling him "the most wretched man on earth," thus, making the case for His crucifixion.

***But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, they hated me without a cause. - John 15:25***

Christ came to earth to fulfill a purpose: to proclaim His Kingdom on earth, to die for the Salvation of souls, and to conquer death forever. Do we ponder the courage and selflessness that Our Lord and Savior displayed while enduring the torment of His Passion? If the faith teaches us one thing, it is that we, as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, have taken Our Lord, God, for granted. The young worship superficial idols, from rock bands to reality TV, and, yet, they do not

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know Jesus Christ Whom is the One they should worship. Perhaps they have been taught that Jesus is a myth, or that God does not exist. The evil one has turned hearts and souls toward perdition. He has vexed the minds of the leaders who then turn whole communities against God and religion. The evil one inspires the disbelievers and coaxes them into stirring up controversy and hatred, just as he was able to turn God's people, the Jews, against Christ.

***But the Jews who disbelieved stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and embittered them against the brethren.***

- Acts:14:2

***Whoever believes in Him is not condemned but whoever does not believe is condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*** - John 3: 18

The Passion of Jesus Christ begins in the Garden of Gethsamane where Our Lord agonized and prayed over the destiny about to befall Him. As He pondered His looming fate, one of His own disciples, Judas Iscariot, had already betrayed Christ to the Romans. The Roman soldiers came and took Jesus in the night, then brought Him to the Emperor, Pontius Pilate, where, after some procrastination on Pilate's part, Our Lord was found guilty. His accusers: the Jewish High Priest,

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Joseph ben *Caiaphas* (c. 14 BC – c. 46 AD) and his followers who accused Jesus of claiming to be King of the Jews, which Jesus neither accepted or denied before them.

Jesus, condemned to death under Pontius Pilate, was then lead away to be crucified. In preparing Jesus to be crucified, the Roman lictors stripped Jesus of His clothes then tied Him to a pillar where they began flogging Him with a Flagellum; a Roman whip with several strands, some nearly three feet long, with metal balls fastened at the tip of each strand. Jewish law restricted no more than forty thrashings, whereas the Romans had no such restrictions, and the lictors did not limit the flogging of Our Lord, tearing at His flesh, stripping it from His body, all the while mocking Him, spitting on him, tearing out his hair; torturing Him relentlessly as His precious blood poured forth from the countless wounds torn into His flesh.

Saint Bridget of Sweden received revelations on the wounds Christ had suffered during His Passion while she was praying in the Church of St. Paul at Rome. Christ came to her and told her that He had suffered 5,000 wounds over His entire body. Our Lord then gave her fifteen (15) prayers to be recited daily

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by the faithful in acknowledgement of those wounds and of His immense suffering. The prayers, approved by Pope Pius IX, are to be recited daily for one year and are accompanied by a series of promises by Our Lord to those who recite the prayers faithfully. The devotion spread after publication of a book by Father Adrien Parvilliers of the Society of Jesus in 1740.

Next, Jesus was taken by the Roman soldiers to the Praetorium where they stripped Him of His clothes and placed on Him a purple cloak. Then they plaited a crown of thorns that they pressed down upon His head until blood gushed forth and seeped down over His brow, staining his cheeks. They beat Him with a rod before placing it in His right hand. They plucked out the hair of His beard until a portion of His skin was visibly exposed. They spat at Him. They mocked Him while Our Lord remained silent; His head bowed.

Aside from these horrendous tortures, there are fifteen (15) secret tortures Our Lord endured, which accompanied those from Scripture and church teaching. These 15 tortures were approved by Pope Clement XII (1730 – 1740) and tell a horrid story of the sufferings of Our Lord in excess. To know that the Roman guards who plucked out Our Lord's beard further placed needles in where the

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uprooted beard had been is to know this as one of the secret tortures.

Blessed Maria Maddelena Martinengo, beatified by Pope Leo XIII in 1930, received visions of Jesus where he revealed to her the 15 secret tortures He had endured during His captivity. Jesus told her ***“The Jews considered Me as the most wretched man living on earth.”*** These 15 tortures co-existed with those suffered by Our Lord during His Passion.

During the time in between the flogging and the crucifixion, the fifteen secret additional tortures suffered by Christ are as follows:

1. *They fastened My feet with a rope and dragged Me over the stepping stones of the staircase, down into a filthy, nauseating cellar.*

2. *They took off My clothing and stung My body with iron joints.*

3. *They attached a rope around My body and pulled Me on the ground from end to end.*

4. *They hanged Me on a wooden piece with a slip knot until I slipped out and fell down. Overwhelmed by this torture, I wept bloody tears.*

5. *They tied Me to a post and pierced My body with various arms.*

6. *They struck Me with stones and burnt Me with blazing embers and torches.*

7. *They pierced Me with awls; sharp spears tore My skin, flesh and arteries out of My body.*

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8. *They tied Me to a post and made Me stand barefoot on an incandescent metal sheet.*

9. *They crowned Me with an iron crown and wrapped My eyes with the dirtiest possible rags.*

10. *They made Me sit on a chair covered with sharp pointed nails, causing deep wounds in My body.*

11. *They poured on My wounds liquid lead and resin; and after this torture, they pressed Me on the nailed chair, so that the nails went deeper and deeper into My flesh.*

12. *For shame and affliction, they drove needles into the holes of My uprooted beard. They tied my hands behind My back and led Me walking out of prison with strikes and blows.*

13. *They threw Me upon a cross and attached Me so tightly that I could hardly breathe anymore.*

14. *They threw at My head as I lay on the earth, and they stepped on Me, hurting My breast. Then, taking a thorn from My crown, they drove it into My tongue.*

15. *They poured into My mouth the most immodest excretions, as they uttered the most infamous expressions about Me."*

During the Lenten season prior to Easter, the Catholic faith relives the Passion of Christ through The Way Of the Cross, earlier known as Stations of the Cross, a devotion taking the faithful on the sorrowful journey through fourteen (14)

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horrific tortures endured by Our Lord Whom suffered massively as He struggled to carry His cross along the Via Dolorosa on His way to Calvary, and the Crucifixion. Our Lord, weak and bleeding profusely from His open wounds, which now included the precious wound on His right shoulder, torn apart to the bone from the weight of the heavy Cross, persevered silently toward His impending death. Along the way He tenderly kissed the Cross for He knew it was to be the instrument of redemption and Salvation of souls. The Blessed Mother, and several Apostles and followers, accompanied Jesus, mentally trying to stave off His anguish.

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It was a Friday when Our Lord made His walk with Cross upward the hill called *Golgotha*, “the place of the skull” on Calvary, which stood just outside the walls of Jerusalem. There He was forced to lie down upon the wooden symbol of redemption, barely able to breath as the soldiers, according to the 15 secret tortures, tied him first to the Cross, stepped on his breast, and drove a thorn from the crown into His tongue, then they began nailing His hands and feet to the Cross with thick, course nails; through Our Lord’s wrists and through the heels of His feet as His beloved Mother and followers witnessed in horror and with great

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despair. Before the Cross was raised, the 15<sup>th</sup> secret torture reveals that the guards held down His bloodied head and poured excrement into His mouth.

Jesus' Cross was then raised in between two thieves, one called *Dismas*, the repentant one, and the other called *Gestas*, who mocked Jesus. Neither man was a Roman. It was Dismas who said to the Lord: ***Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. - ( Luke 23:42)***

Jesus, barely able to speak, replied to him: ***Truly, I say to you, this day you will be with me in Paradise. (Luke 23:39-43)***

Jesus endured three hours of torture from the Roman soldiers as they mocked and beat Him, taunting Him while He was slowly losing life upon the Cross. Below Him, His beloved mother stood weeping at the foot of the Crucifix, the disciples encased her amid their own intimate despair.

Death came to Our Lord after three hours. The duration of his suffering unto death stunned the crowd. Before He breathed His last, Jesus spoke to His beloved mother and to his disciple, John, saying to them, respectively:

***Woman, behold thy son; Son, behold thy mother. – John 19:26-27.***

As Our Lord was drawing His last breath, He suddenly cried out: ***Father, Into thy hands I commend my spirit. – Luke 23:46.*** In **Matthew 27:46-47**, the Apostle

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acknowledges the time of Christ's death. **46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 47.** The "ninth hour" is 3 o' clock, Jerusalem time, and some historians and theologians approximate the time, date and year of death to be 3:00 p.m on Friday, April 3, A.D. 33. In opposition to this, the Mormon's and LDS archaeologists assert that the Bible gives clues as to the actual date of crucifixion and death as having taken place on Thursday, April 6 (Julian calender) in A.D. 30. There is no question, however, as to the time of death being 3 pm in the afternoon, "the ninth hour," as recorded by Matthew. Christ's death upon the Cross at 3 o' clock has since been referred to as the **Hour of Mercy**.

To insure that Jesus was dead, a Roman Soldier struck a lance into Our Lord's side and, immediately, blood and water gushed from the wound. Then, in a fleeting moment, the clouds began to gather and darken, and then the winds came and the ground began to tremble with a mighty force. All present had witnessed the strange occurrences which ensued for nearly three hours. The soldiers on the Mount quickly pondered what they had done, convinced that the catastrophe was a sign from God. The Roman soldier whom struck the lance into Our Lord's side,

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converted at the very spot where the true King of the Jews gave up His life for us.

Longinus is the name given to the Roman soldier who pierced the side of Jesus with a lance. He was said to have converted to Christianity on the spot.<sup>1</sup> His name is unknown, however, the word *Longinus* may be derived from the Greek word “lonche” meaning “lance.” The name first appeared in the apocryphal Gospel of Nicodemus.<sup>2</sup> The lance is referred to in Christianity as the “Holy Lance” and the story appears in the Gospel of John.<sup>3</sup> This person is identified in some versions of the legend as the centurion present at the Crucifixion, who said that Jesus was the son of God,<sup>4</sup> and he is considered one of the first Christian converts.

Longinus, who was nearly blind, was healed when blood and water from Jesus side splashed into his eyes. The Roman soldier then exclaimed, ***“Indeed, this was the Son of God!”*** -Mark 15:39. Longinus was venerated a saint in both the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches.

Two of Christ’s followers, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, after having

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<sup>1</sup> Fuhrmann, Christopher (11 April 2014). Policing the Roman Empire: Soldiers, Administration, and Public Order (Reprint ed.). Oxford University Press. p. 231. ISBN 978-0199360017.

<sup>2</sup> Barber, Richard (2004). The Holy Grail: Imagination and Belief. Harvard University Press. p. 118. ISBN 9780674013902. Retrieved 24 March 2019. gospel of nicodemus Hello

<sup>3</sup> John 19:34.

<sup>4</sup> a b Baring-Gould, The Lives of the Saints, vol. III (Edinburgh) 1914, sub “March 15: S[aint] Longinus M[artyr]”; Baring-Gould adds, “The Greek Acts pretend to be by S. Hesychius (March 28th), but are an impudent forgery of late date.” (on-line text).

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made a plea to Pilate for to take possession of the body, gently removed Jesus from the Cross and wrapped Him in a shroud of fine linen that Joseph had earlier purchased, before laying Jesus into His grieving mother's arms. Afterward they carried Jesus' body to the new garden tomb where Mary helped prepare her son's body for burial. Christ was entombed in the shroud, His body prepared with the oils of frankincense and myrrh.

Before the sun had set, the Roman soldiers rolled a huge stone over the entrance to the tomb, where they, then, remained posted outside as guards.

According to Scripture, Jesus Resurrected from the dead three days after His burial in the tomb. He would spend forty days walking the earth, and visiting with His beloved Apostles, much to their amazement, and elation, upon witnessing His surviving presence before them. The doubter among them, Thomas, called "Didymus," was commanded by Christ to place His finger in the wounds, which he did. ***"My Lord and My God!" he then cried out. Jesus said to him: Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. - John 20:29***

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When the tomb where Jesus had been buried was later inspected, all that could be found was the fine linen shroud folded neatly in the place where Jesus' body had previously lain. The story of the burial cloth of Jesus Christ is the story of a true miracle.

The Shroud of Turin is, indeed, the burial cloth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Christ loves us so much that He would have given God's children one last chance to repent and believe, which He has given us through two proven examples not only of His existence, but unquestionable proof, especially for the non-believers, that He is the very existence of the true God. The Shroud of Turin and the Divine Mercy Novena are the two ultimate proofs that God has left for us, a lasting hope for mercy and the promise of eternity.

**The Shroud of Turin** The whereabouts of Jesus' burial cloth were inconclusive and given to mystery immediately following the Resurrection. It was known to be in Constantinople in 1204, according to Shroud historian, Ian Wilson, during the fourth Crusade, and it is believed the shroud was smuggled into France by the Knights Templar in the hands of Sir Geoffrey de Charny.<sup>1</sup> De Charny and another

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knight were burned at the stake for heresy after the Knights Templar were disbanded by orders of Pope Clement V and King Phillip IV. The Crusaders had attacked a Greek Orthodox Church, Santa Sophia, at Constantinople and desecrated the altar.

The Shroud resurfaced again in April of the year 1349, during the Hundred-Years War, when in the hands of a descendant of de Charny, also named Geoffrie de Charny, wrote to Pope Clement VI regarding his acquisition and that he had planned to build a church at Lirey, France, to secure the sacred find. Following the death of de Charny in 1356, the linen shroud continued to remain in the de Charny family. In 1389, King Charles VI of France ordered the Bailiff of Troyes to seize the shroud at Lirey and bring it to the church at Troyes. The Lirey Canons refused to release the shroud and instead turned it over in 1418 to Humbert of Villersexel, Count de la Roche, said to be a Knights Templar. The shroud had circled back into de Charny hands through Villersexel who was then married to

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1 — The story of the whereabouts of the Shroud and of Geoffrey de Charny, et. al., is taken from the contents of two (2) books written on the Shroud of Turin listed as follows:

*The Shroud of Turin- The Burial Cloth of Jesus Christ?* by Ian Wilson publ. 1941, 1978. Pp 69-73

*The Truth About the Shroud of Turin – Solving the Mystery* by Robert K. Wilcox publ. 2010 Pp 6-7, 51, 111-112

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Geoffrey's descendant, Margaret de Charny. Coincidental? Following Humbert's death in 1438, the shroud remained with Margaret who began to exhibit the cloth as the burial cloth of Jesus for public review.

The Catholic Church preferred that the shroud be kept preserved in private, and in 1443 the Dean of Canons at Lirey petitioned Margaret de Charny to return the shroud to Lirey. She did not comply and in 1453 relinquished the shroud for a fee to Duke Louis I of Savoy. The shroud remained in the Duke's family until 1986 when Umberto II of Savoy, the last King of Italy, died and had bequeathed the Holy Shroud to the Roman Catholic Church, to be in the perpetual care of Pope John Paul II and his successors. Today, the Holy Shroud resides peacefully in the Royal Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Turin, Italy. Thus, the Holy Shroud of Turin, having withstood countless journeys and public displays, now rests securely and well-preserved under the auspices of the church officials at Turin.

From 1973 to 2010, church officials gave permission for the Holy Shroud to undergo scientific investigations for to obtain its authenticity and further confirm that which many of the faithful already know to be true; that the Holy Shroud of

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Turin is, indeed, the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Holy relics have long endured scientific investigations, whether to convince atheists and the undecided, both anxious to criticize Christian faith, or to, perhaps, simply, authenticate for posterity.

Moving into the last days, or better described as the end of the era before Our Savior and Lord returns, how wonderful that God cares enough to help those unfortunate souls who continue to disbelieve by allowing them to witness His very existence through the resurgence of His Son's burial shroud and the conclusive proof that it is one in the same.

The day of judgement is promised to be a Holy day of wrath and reckoning upon the earth, as described in Genesis, Revelations, and also by the Saints, including Saint Padre Pio whose vision of the "three days of darkness" is to be read and submitted to the subconscious by all who wish to be spared from God's infinite and final wrath upon the world.

There are several Roman Catholic versions of the Way of the Cross devotion in which we commemorate Christ's Passion. Following is the traditional version that

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can be said at any time, but especially on Friday during Lent and on Good Friday, when the Holy Church offers services to retrace the Stations of the Cross in memory of Our Lord's Passion. Following is the traditional form of *Stations of the Cross*. Today, there are many differing versions, and the devotion is more commonly known as *The Way of the Cross*.

### **The Traditional Stations of the Cross**

*O Jesus, our adorable Saviour, we now contemplate Your sacred passion. Help us to understand that the sufferings of our life are the continuation of Your passion. We ask for strength of our souls to go through our passion, in the spirit with which You went through Yours. Amen.*

#### **1) JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH**

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leaving the house of Caiaphas, where he had been blasphemed, and the house of Herod, where he had been been mocked, Jesus is dragged before Pilate, his back torn with scourges, his head crowned with thorns; and he, who on the last day will judge the living and the dead, is himself condemned to a disgraceful death.

#### **Prayer**

It was for us that You did suffer, O Blessed Jesus. It was for our sins that You were

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condemned to die. Oh, grant that we may detest our sins from the bottom of our hearts, and obtain your mercy and pardon by repentance.

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

## 2) JESUS IS LADEN WITH THE CROSS

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

A heavy cross is laid upon the bruised shoulders of Jesus. He receives it with meekness and with a sense of commitment, for it is the instrument with which he is to redeem the world and to accomplish the mission for which his heavenly Father has sent him.

### Prayer

O Jesus, grant us, by virtue of your cross, to embrace with meekness and cheerful submission the difficulties of our life, and to be ever ready to take up our cross and follow You.

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

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### 3) JESUS FALLS FOR THE FIRST TIME

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Bowed down under the weight of the cross, Jesus slowly sets forth on the way to Calvary, amidst the mockeries and insults of the crowd. His agony in the garden has exhausted his body. He is lacerated with blows and wounds; his strength fails Him. He falls to the ground under his cross.

#### Prayer

O Jesus, who for our sins did bear the heavy burden of the cross and did fall under its weight, may the thoughts of your suffering make us watchful over ourselves and save us from any grievous fall into sin.

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

### 4) JESUS MEETS HIS BLESSED MOTHER

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Still burdened with his cross, and wounded yet more by his fall, Jesus proceeds on His way. He is met by his loving mother. What a meeting must have that been! What a sword of anguish must have pierced the mother's heart! What must have been the compassion of that Son for his holy mother!

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### **Prayer**

O Jesus, by the compassion which You did feel for Your Mother, have compassion on us, and give us a share in her intercession. O Mary, most afflicted mother, intercede for us that, through the sufferings of your Son, we may be delivered from eternal death.

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

### **5) SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS TO CARRY THE CROSS**

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

As the strength of Jesus fails, and he is unable to proceed, the executioners seize and compel Simon of Cyrene to carry His cross. The grace of that cross changes the Cyrenean's heart and from the compulsory task, it becomes a privilege and joy.

### **Prayer**

O Lord Jesus, may it be our privilege to bear our cross. May we glory in nothing else; by the cross, may the world be crucified unto us, and we unto the world. May we never shrink from suffering but rather rejoice if we should be counted worthy to suffer for your name's sake.

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

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Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

### **6) VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS**

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

As Jesus proceeds along the way covered with the sweat of blood, a woman, moved with compassion, makes her way through the crowd, and wipes his face with a handkerchief. As a reward for her piety, the impression of His sacred countenance is miraculously imprinted upon the handkerchief.

#### **Prayer**

O Jesus, may the contemplation of your sufferings move us with deep compassion. Make us hate our sins and kindle in our hearts, more fervent love for you. May your image be graven on our minds until we are transformed into Your likeness.

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

### **7) JESUS FALLS BENEATH HIS CROSS, THE SECOND TIME**

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

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The pain of his wounds; and the loss of blood increasing at every step of his way, weakens him; and Jesus falls to the ground for the second time.

### **Prayer**

O Jesus, who did fall a second time beneath the load of our sins and of your suffering for our sins, how often have we grieved you by our repeated falls into sin! Oh, may we rather die than ever offend You!

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

### **8) JESUS CONSOLES THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM**

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

At the sight of the sufferings of Jesus, some holy women in the crowd were so touched with sympathy that they openly bewailed and lamented for Him. Jesus, knowing the things that would befall Jerusalem because of its rejection of him, turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, weep for yourselves and for your children”.

### **Prayer**

O Jesus, we mourn and will always mourn for you and for ourselves, for your sufferings and for our sins which caused them. Oh, teach us to mourn, so that we

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may repent and be saved from the dreadful end to those who reject or neglect you, their God and their all.

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

### **9) JESUS FALLS BENEATH HIS CROSS, THE THIRD TIME**

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus has almost arrived at the summit of Calvary, but before he reaches the spot where he is to be crucified, his strength again fails Him, and he falls the third time.

#### **Prayer**

O Jesus, we entreat you by the merit of this your third and most painful fall, to pardon our frequent relapses and our long continuance in sin. May the thought of Your sufferings make us hate our sins more and more.

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

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### 10) JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus at last arrives at Golgotha and they prepare to crucify Him. They strip Him of His garments and mock Him.

#### Prayer

O Jesus, strip us of all false esteem, conceit and pride and make us humble like you in this life, so that we share your glory with you in the life to come.

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

### 11) JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

The cross is laid upon the ground and Jesus is stretched upon His bed of death. With divine dignity and forgiveness, he lets himself be nailed to the cross. The blows are struck! The blood gushes forth!

#### Prayer

O Jesus, nailed to the cross, fasten our hearts to the cross, so that we may be united with you until we yield up our souls to you.

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- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

### **12) JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

For three hours, Jesus has hung upon His pierced hands. His blood has run in streams down his body, and onto the ground. In the midst of excruciating suffering, he has pardoned his murderers, given heaven to the good thief, and committed his blessed mother to his beloved disciple's care. His mission of love has been accomplished. He bows his head and gives up his Spirit to God.

#### **Prayer**

Oh Jesus, we devoutly embrace your saving cross, on which you died so that we may have eternal life. We hail your cross, and lovingly accept our own.

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

### **13) JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS**

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

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The multitudes have left the hill of Calvary. There is no one except the beloved disciple of Jesus and the holy women with Mary, the mother of Jesus. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take down the body of Jesus from the cross and place him in the arms of his afflicted mother.

### Prayer

O Mary, mother of Jesus, your grief was so great, being a helpless witness to the savage way your Son was put to death. By his death and resurrection, we have become your children in Jesus. Help us by your intercession to be like your son Jesus.

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

### **14) JESUS IS LAID IN THE HOLY SEPULCHRE**

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

The disciples take the body of her dear beloved Son Jesus from his mother, and place it in the tomb. The tomb is closed and in it the lifeless body remains until the hour of its glorious resurrection.

### Prayer

Lord, Your suffering is over. You have triumphed, though in the eyes of men, you may seem to have failed. Sin, death and hell have been conquered. The world is Yours, I am Yours. Be the King of my heart. I surrender myself to your Holy Will. May Your kingdom come.

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# For the Glory of God

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## Rekindle Your Faith

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we have contemplated your Son, Jesus, on his Way of the Cross, in his Spirit which you have gifted to us. We accept our way of the cross. We know it will lead us to, where it led him to, our resurrection with him. We thank You for the joy of this vision of faith.

For the intention of the Holy Father:

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be