

Merciful Lord, my Master, I want to follow You faithfully. I desire to imitate You in life in a way that will be more and more perfect; therefore, I am praying that by meditating on Your passion, You will give me the grace of a greater understanding of the mysteries of spiritual life.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, ever faithful to Christ, lead me in the footsteps of the sorrowful passion of your son and obtain for me the graces necessary to fruitfully observe of this Way of the cross. I offer it for the conversion of the whole world.

STATION 1 – JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

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

“The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put Him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. (Mt 26;59-60.)

JESUS: Do not be surprised that you are sometimes unjustly accused. I myself first drank this cup of undeserved suffering for love of you. When I was before Herod, I obtained a grace for you: namely that you would be able to rise above human scorn and follow faithfully in My footsteps.

ST FAUSTINA: We are sensitive to words and quickly want to answer back, without taking any regard as to whether it is God’s will that we should speak. A silent soul is strong; no adversities will harm it if it perseveres in silence. The silent soul is capable of attaining the closest union with God.

Merciful Jesus, help me to accept every human judgement and do not let me ever condemn You in my neighbour.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

STATION 2 Jesus takes up His Cross

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“Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him scourged. The soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on His head, they clothed Him in a purple cloak and they came to Him and said “Hail King of the Jews” ...Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. Pilate said to the crowd: “Behold..the man”. When the chief priests and guards saw Him they cried out “Crucify Him Crucify Him!”.”

JESUS: Do not be afraid of sufferings; I am with you. The more you come to love suffering, the purer your love for me will become.

ST FAUSTINA: Merciful Jesus, teach me to value the toil of life, sickness and every suffering; teach me to carry this cross every day, with love.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

STATION 3 – Jesus falls for the first time.

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“We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way, but the Lord laid upon Him the guilt of us all. And He shall take away the sins of many and win pardon for their offences.” (Is 53: 6-12)

JESUS said to St Faustina: My daughter, write that involuntary offences of souls neither hinder My love for them or prevent Me from uniting Myself with them. But voluntary offences, even the smallest will obstruct my graces, I cannot lavish My gifts on such souls.

ST FAUSTINA: Jesus, how prone I am to evil, this forces me to be constantly vigilant. But I do not lose heart, I trust in God’s grace, which abounds in the worst misery. Merciful Lord, save me from every voluntary and conscious infidelity, even the smallest.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

STATION 4 – JESUS MEETS HIS BLESSED MOTHER

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“Behold this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be contradicted – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” (Lk 2:34-35)

JESUS said to St Faustina: Listen, My daughter, all the works that come into being by My will are exposed to great sufferings, consider whether any of them have been subject to greater difficulties than the work of Redemption. You should not worry too much about adversities.

ST FAUSTINA: I saw the Blessed Virgin, she held me close to herself and said to me: Be courageous. Do not fear apparent obstacles, but fix your gaze upon the Passion of My son, and in this way, you too will be victorious.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, be with me always, especially in suffering – in the same way as you were on the way of the cross.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

STATION 5 – SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

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“As they led Him away, they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind .” (Lk 23:26)

JESUS: I permit these adversities to increase Simon in merit. I do not reward for good results, but for the patience and hardship undergone for My sake.

ST FAUSTINA: Jesus, you don't reward for success, but for the goodwill and labour undertaken. Therefore I am completely at peace, even if my undertakings and efforts should be thwarted or should come to nothing. I will do all that is in my power, the rest is not my business.

Dear Jesus, my Lord, let every thought, word and action be undertaken exclusively out of love for You. Purify my intentions.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

STATION 6 – VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

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“There was in Him, no stately bearing to make us look at Him, nor any appearance that would attract us to Him. He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, one of those from whom men hid their faces, we held Him in no esteem.” (Is 53:2-3)

JESUS said to St Faustina: Know that whatever good you do to any soul, I accept it as if you had done it to Me.

St Faustina: I am learning how to be good from Jesus – from Him who is goodness itself, so that I may be called a daughter of the heavenly Father. Great love can change small things into great things. It is only love which lends value to our actions.

Lord Jesus my Master, make Merciful my eyes, my hands, my lips and my heart....Keep transforming me into mercy.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

STATION 7 – JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME

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“Yet it was our infirmities that He bore, our sufferings that He endured, we thought of Him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted.” (Is 53:4)

JESUS said to St Faustina: The cause of your falls is that you rely too much upon yourself and too little on Me. Without special help from Me, you are not capable of accepting My graces.

ST FAUSTINA: Jesus, do not abandon me, You know Lord how weak I am. I am an abyss of wretchedness, I am nothingness itself. Jesus please stand by me constantly, like a mother by her helpless child.

May Your grace assist me, Lord, so that I may not keep falling continuously into the same errors; and when I fall, help me to get up and praise Your mercy.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

STATION 8 – JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

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

“A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented Him. Jesus turned to them and said ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves instead.’” (Lk 23:27-28)

JESUS: How pleasing to Me is living faith! I desire that you would all have more faith.

ST FAUSTINA: I beg the Lord to strengthen my faith, so that in my drab, everyday life, I will not be guided by human dispositions, but by those of the spirit. Everything drags man toward earthly things. But lively faith maintains the soul in the higher regions and assigns self-love to its proper place – the lowest place.

Merciful Lord, I thank You for Holy baptism and the grace of faith.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

STATION 9 – JESUS FALLS THE 3RD TIME

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

“Though He was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not His mouth. Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, He was silent and opened not His mouth. But the Lord was pleased to crush Him in infirmity.” (Is 53:7-10)

JESUS said to St Faustina: My child, know that the greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement and exaggerated anxiety. These will deprive you of the ability to practice virtue... I am always ready to forgive you. As often as you beg for my mercy, glorify it also.

ST FAUSTINA: My Jesus, despite Your graces, I see and feel all my misery. I begin my day with battle and end it with battle. As soon as I conquer one obstacle, ten more appear. But I do not worry, because I know that this is a time of struggle.

Merciful Lord, I give You this: which is exclusively mine: sin and human weakness. I beg you, let my wretchedness be drowned in your unfathomable mercy.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

STATION 10 – JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

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“The soldiers took His clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier, they also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another ‘Do not tear it, but let us cast lots to see whose it will be’ in order that the passage of scripture may be fulfilled. (Jn 19:23-24).

ST FAUSTINA: Jesus was suddenly standing before me, stripped of His clothes, His body completely covered with wounds, His eyes flooded with tears and blood. His face disfigured and covered with spit. The Lord then said to me: **The bride must resemble her betrothed.**

ST FAUSTINA: I understood these words to their very depth. There is no room for doubt. My likeness to Jesus must be through suffering and humility.

Dear Jesus, gentle and humble of Heart, touch my heart and make it Your own.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

THE 11TH STATION: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

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

“Those passing by reviled Him, shaking their heads and saying ‘You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself and if you are the Son of God – come down from the Cross!’. Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked Him and said ‘He saved others but he cannot save Himself, He trusted in God, let God deliver Him now.’” (Mt 27:39-43)

JESUS: My pupil, have great love for those who cause you suffering. Do good to those who hate you.

ST FAUSTINA: Jesus, you know what efforts are needed to live sincerely and unaffectedly with those from whom our nature flees, or those, who whether knowingly or not have made us suffer. Humanly speaking this is impossible. At some times, more than others, I try to find the Lord Jesus within such a person. For Jesus, I try to do the same with all people.

My purest Love, rule in all Your plenitude in my heart and let me love even the things that, humanly speaking are impossible to love.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

The 12th Station – JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

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“It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon...Jesus cried out in a loud voice “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” then He breathed His last. (Lk 23:44-46)

But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into His side and immediately blood and water flowed out.” (Jn 19:33-40).

JESUS said to St Faustina: All this is for the salvation of souls. Consider my daughter, what you are doing for their salvation.

ST FAUSTINA: Then I saw the Lord nailed to the cross, when He had hung on it for a while, I saw a multitude of souls crucified like Him. Then I saw a second multitude, then a third. The second multitude were not nailed to their crosses, but were holding them firmly in their hands. The third were neither nailed to their crosses, nor holding them firmly, but were dragging their crosses and were discontent. Jesus then said to me:

Do you see these souls? Those who are like Me in the pain and contempt that they suffer will be like Me also in Glory. Those who resemble me less, will also bear less resemblance to Me in Glory.

ST FAUSTINA: Jesus my Saviour, hide me in the depth of Your Heart, so that strengthened by Your grace, I may imitate You in the love of the cross and participate in Your glory.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

THE 13TH STATION: JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

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“The centurion who witnessed what had happened, glorified God and said “This man was innocent beyond doubt”. When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all His acquaintances stood at a distance.” (Lk 23:47-49).

JESUS: Most dear to Me is the soul that strongly believes in My goodness and has complete trust in Me. I heap my confidence upon it and give it all it asks.

ST FAUSTINA: I fly to Your mercy, Compassionate God, who alone are good. Although my misery is great and my offences are many, I trust in Your mercy, because You are the God of Mercy; and from time immemorial, it has never been heard that a soul trusting in your Mercy has been disappointed-

Merciful Jesus, every day increase my trust in your mercy, so that I may always and everywhere give witness to Your infinite goodness and love.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.

The 14th STATION – JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

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“They took the body of Jesus and bound it in the burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where He had been crucified there was a garden and in the garden there was a new tomb, where no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day and the tomb was close by.

JESUS said to St Faustina: You are not yet in your homeland; so go, fortified by My grace and fight for my kingdom in human souls; fight as a King’s child would and remember that the days of your exile will pass quickly and with them the possibility of earning merit for heaven. I expect from you a great number of souls who will glorify My mercy for all eternity.

ST FAUSTINA: Every soul you have entrusted to me, Jesus, I will try to aid with prayer and sacrifice, so that Your grace can work in them. Great lover of souls, my Jesus, I thank you for the immense confidence with which you have deigned to place in our care.

Merciful Lord, grant that not one of those souls which You have entrusted to me be lost.

Jesus, this is your passion, undertaken out of love for me. Jesus, how few souls understand You in your Martyrdom of love. Happy the soul that has come to understand the love of the heart of Jesus.

I love You, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, and then do with me what You will.