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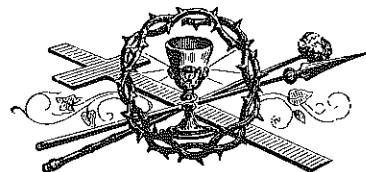
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The Stations of the Cross

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Let each one, kneeling before the high altar, make an Act of Contrition, and form the intention of gaining the indulgences connected to this devotion, whether for himself or for the souls in Purgatory. Then say:

PREPARATORY PRAYER

My Lord Jesus Christ, * Thou hast made this journey to die for me with love unutterable, * and I have so many times unworthily abandoned Thee; * but now I love Thee with my whole heart, * and because I love Thee, * I repent sincerely for having ever offended Thee. * Pardon me, my God, * and permit me to accompany Thee on this journey. * Thou goest to die for love of me; * I wish also, my beloved Redeemer, * to die for love of Thee. * My Jesus, * I will live and die always united to Thee. *



First Station

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Stabat Mater dolorosa,
Juxta crucem lacrymosa,
Dum penebat Filius.

FIRST STATION

Jesus is condemned to Death.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee,
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed
the world.

Priest: Consider that Jesus, after having been
scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly con-
demned by Pilate to die on the cross.

People: My adorable Jesus, * it was not Pilate, *
no, it was my sins, that condemned Thee to die. *
I beseech Thee, by the merits of this sorrowful jour-
ney, * to assist my soul in its journey towards eter-
nity. * I love Thee, my beloved Jesus; * I love Thee
more than myself; * I repent with my whole heart
of having offended Thee. * Never permit me to sep-
arate myself from Thee again. * Grant that I may
love Thee always, * and then do with me what Thou
wilt. *

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified,
R. Have mercy on us!*

At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.

*This versicle and response are not found in the Liguori *Way of the Cross* but are borrowed from the Franciscan method for the purpose of increased devotion. —*Editor.*