



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These meditations on the Stations of the Cross are offered in the hope that they will help you to follow your own vocation and to encourage and support others. All vocations are fulfilled in prayer: **'Lord, your will be done'**.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> STATION: Jesus is condemned to death:**

O God our Father help us to judge success and failure not with the eye of the world but realising that success is to do the will of the Father. **Your will be done.**

### **2<sup>ND</sup> STATION: Jesus receives his cross:**

O God our Father, we cannot always see the need for suffering. Time and again there is disappointment and pain which we cannot understand. Help us to say with Jesus. **Your will be done.**

### **3<sup>RD</sup> STATION: Jesus falls the first time:**

O God our Father, when we fall, help us to get up and start again. **Your will be done.**

### **4<sup>TH</sup> STATION: Jesus meets his mother:**

O God our Father, Mary's sufferings were joined to Jesus's sufferings. Help those whose vocation makes them see the suffering of others. **Your will be done.**

### **5<sup>TH</sup> STATION: Simon helps Jesus carry the cross:**

O God our Father our vocation is not just to choose but to accept the job to be done. **Your will be done.**

### **6<sup>TH</sup> STATION: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus:**

O God our Father, we remember all those who nurse the sick, day by day, night after night, especially during this time of Covid 19. Help them to persevere in their vocation. **Your will be done.**

### **7<sup>TH</sup> STATION: Jesus falls the 2<sup>nd</sup> time:**

O God our Father, have we ever neglected our duty using excuses? If we are tempted again, let us think of Jesus and say: **Your will be done.**

### **8<sup>TH</sup> STATION: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem:**

O God our Father give us the strength to console and support, to listen and to understand others as we try to follow your will. **Your will be done.**

### **9<sup>TH</sup> STATION: Jesus falls the third time:**

O God our Father show us how to reach out to others who feel lost and forgotten. **Your will be done.**

### **10<sup>TH</sup> STATION: Jesus is stripped of his garments:**

O God our Father bless those who share their possessions so that they can serve more surely. **Your will be done.**

### **11<sup>TH</sup> STATION: Jesus is nailed to the Cross:**

O God our Father stay with us and remind us that you are present in our wounded brokenness. **Your will be done.**

### **12<sup>TH</sup> STATION: Jesus dies on the Cross:**

O God our Father Jesus's death was the end of a life lived in total agreement with what you wanted for Him. Help us to follow His example. **Your will be done.**

### **13<sup>TH</sup> STATION: Jesus is taken down from the Cross:**

O God our Father show us how to go further than we think we can and overcome our fears – to walk the path of compassion and turn our hearts to you. **Your will be done.**

### **14<sup>TH</sup> STATION: Jesus is laid in the tomb:**

O God our Father, what great love you have for us. May we turn outwards to share that same generosity and loving kindness that you showed to all. **Your will be done.**

**FINAL PRAYER:** O God our Father you sent us your Son to show us the way to live and die. Help us to learn from Him and follow your call. May today be the start of a new life when we say – **Your will be done.**