

Eduardo

“If any one would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Mt 16:24).

What does it mean to share in the Cross of Christ? It means to experience the love hidden within the Cross of Christ. It means recognising, in the light of this love, our own cross. It means taking up that cross once more and, strengthened by this love, continuing our journey...

As we pray these stations we ask the Lord to send us more Oblate priests and brothers to help future generations grow in the faith.

Leader: Christ has humbled himself and become obedient to death:

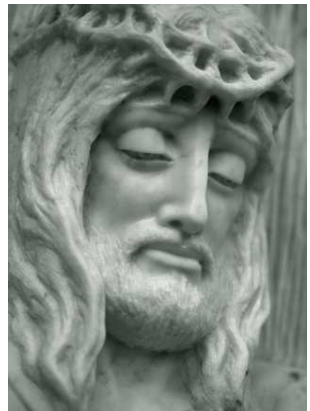
All: Even to death on a cross.

Leader: Let us follow the way of the cross:

All: In the name of our Lord. Amen

(Pause in silence.)

God of power and mercy,
in love you sent your Son
that we might be cleansed of sin
and live with you forever.
Bless us as we gather
to reflect on his suffering and death
that we may learn from his example
how to live.
We ask this through that same Christ,
our Lord.



Brisnten

FIRST STATION Jesus is condemned to death

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *The chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. (Mark 15)*



Leader: Lord, You stood before Pilate, alone and condemned. Betrayal had brought You to this place. Now we begin the Stations of the Cross, feeling alone and betrayed by our bodies, which once had served us well.

We turn to the example of St. Bernadette, a young girl, uneducated, sick and living in extreme poverty. Yet her life was rich because her heart was open to God and filled with the riches of his love.

Now facing our sickness and growing infirmity, we come to the

reality of death in a new way. The Passion has begun. It is Yours, it is Bernadette's and it is ours. Stay with us, Lord, help us to see Your will in our sickness as in our health. From the moment the priest poured baptismal water on us, we have belonged to You. Lord, be pleased with us now in our efforts to walk the path to Calvary.

(pause)

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you accepted an unjust judgment.

Grant to us all the grace to remain faithful to the truth.

To you, O Jesus, be honour and glory for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

All:

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

Angel

SECOND STATION Jesus takes up his Cross

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *When the chief priests and the guards saw Jesus, they cried out "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him". Then he handed him over to be crucified. (John 19)*



Leader: Lord, You have spoken to us in paradox: Dying we live, the least is the greatest, the blind will see... we struggle to recall all that we have been taught, so that we may eagerly accept our cross. Feelings washing over us now are so painful; they feel exactly like a cross.

Bernadette had to bear many crosses in her life. It was through carrying these crosses faithfully that she entered into the happiness of the 'other world' promised to her by Our Lady.

Lord you have promised that the yoke is sweet, and Your burden light. Lord, we cannot bear it without Your help. It is so new and strange, crushingly heavy. Lord, stay with us as we move forward each day of this journey.

(pause)

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, open our hands and hearts to receive the cross that is given to us.

Just as you accepted the Cross at our hands and changed it into the sign of God's saving love for us, grant us the grace of faith in this infinite love.

Stay with us as we move forward each day of our journey.

To you, O Jesus, be praise and glory for ever.

R. Amen

All:

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

Gerard

THIRD STATION Jesus falls the first time

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.



Reader: *Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart. Yes my yoke is easy, and my burden light. (Matthew 11)*

Leader: Our Lady asked Bernadette to kiss the ground for sinners, a kiss of love, an act of self sacrifice to heal the failings of many, to help us back on our feet so that we can walk and walk again with Jesus. With faith, and it is a gift, we can bear anything. With Bernadette to inspire us we ask you Lord to increase our faith, as we confront the tumult of emotions: fear, anxiety, concern for people and things we must leave behind, our loved ones, our work, our bodily strength, our beautiful world, and yes, those flawed relationships that can never be repaired fully on earth. We fall under all this.

Lord, help us, pick us up as You picked Yourself up when You first stumbled and fell on the road to Calvary (pause)

PRAYER:

O Christ, help us and all who are weighed down
by our own mistakes and a failing health
to stand up again and continue the journey.

Give us the strength of the Spirit to carry the cross of our
weakness.

To you, O Jesus, crushed under the weight of our faults,
be our praise and love for ever.

R. Amen.

All:

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

Sr. Mary

FOURTH STATION Jesus meets his Mother

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is opposed – and a sword will pierce your soul too.'* (Luke 2)



Leader: We think of our own mothers. If they are still on earth, they must suffer with us, and we would spare them if we could. If they have passed from this world, we are comforted that we may see them again. But we wonder: What is it like after death? Will we know our loved ones? Speak to them somehow? We are filled with questions, if not doubts. Where can we turn? To Your mother?

Jesus You gave her to us when You were dying on the cross. Mary is with us now, as she was with You then. Mother of God and of all people, pray for us now and help us to say 'yes'

as you did and as Bernadette did. In saying yes to you, Bernadette has played her part in helping us rediscover the wonderful message of the Gospel which is of God's love for each one of us.

(pause)

PRAYER

Mary, Mother of Jesus,
be a mother for us today.

Help us, when all seems helpless and bleak,
never to doubt God's love for us.

To Jesus, your Son, honour and glory for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

All:

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

Renard

FIFTH STATION

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his Cross

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *As they led him away, the soldiers seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.*
(Luke 23)



Leader: Lord, we were like Simon, minding our own business, with a job to do and the health to do it. Simon came into town on some errand of his own, when suddenly he was caught up in a terrible event, plucked from the crowd to help carry a cross for a stranger on His way to crucifixion. Yes, that's how it was for us, living an ordinary life when suddenly You drew us to Your side with the gift of sickness, asking us to carry Your cross a little way with You.

Bernadette helped lighten the crosses of the sick sisters of Nevers when she helped in the infirmary. Like those sisters

we now share in your Passion, and other Simons come forth to help us on the way. We are grateful to those who help share or ease our burdens in some small way, and we want the grace to be grateful for this gift of our share in Your Passion, which is now ours..

(pause)

PRAYER

O Lord, you gave to Simon of Cyrene
the dignity of carrying your Cross.

Thank you Lord for all those who, like Simon,
help me carry my cross daily.

To you O Jesus be honour and glory for ever.

R. Amen.

All:

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

Sr. Lummay

SIXTH STATION

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *Of you my heart has spoken: "Seek his face". It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. (Psalm 27)*



Leader: Veronica gently wipes the face of Jesus with her veil, and so eases his suffering with a loving gesture; a small act of kindness in a world bound up in hatred and cruelty.

The muddy water that Our Lady asked Bernadette to wash in, dirtied her face and made her a source of ridicule. It is a reminder to us of how our mistakes and failings can make us close our eyes to the needs of others. All who care for us here in Lourdes and at home have the opportunity to become Veronicas in this passion of ours. They can become the Veronicas who dare to look deep into our eyes, to see and sympathise with the suffering they encounter in us. For them we thank You, Lord, and for them we pray as they step forward bravely, to ease our

pain with the pure and tender fabric of their own humanity.
Let us always remember that Jesus leaves his imprint on every
single act of charity as on Veronica's towel.

(pause)

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you accepted a woman's selfless gesture of
love.

Help us to do something, however, small,
to help others in their distress.

To you, O Jesus, splendor of the Father's glory,
be praise and glory for ever.

R. Amen.

All:

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

Angel

SEVENTH STATION
Jesus falls the second time

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. Do not leave me alone in my distress; come close, there is no one else to help. (Psalm 22)*



Leader: Weak from the beatings, struggling to pick himself up and carry on, Jesus shares in the hopelessness and misery endured by so many.

What does this second fall say? It seems to urge us on to get up, *to go on again*...on our way of the cross. Falling is not the end of the road. The Saviour's words reassure us: *"My grace is sufficient for you; for my power is made perfect in weakness"*

Our Lady said to Bernadette, "penance, penance, penance, pray for sinners". We are called to this conversion through the

love that God has for each of us. In this way he helps us to rise again and walk further with him.

(pause)

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Never let me give way to depression or discouragement.

Lift me up again.

To you, O Jesus, our support when we are weak,
be praise and glory for ever.

R. Amen.

All:

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

Br. Simon

EIGHTH STATION

Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *A crowd of people followed him, including many women who grieved and lamented over what was happening to him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.” (Luke 23)*



Leader: Like the women of Jerusalem who wept as Jesus neared them on the road to Calvary, our family, friends, and neighbours are moved at the sight of our suffering. They know that someday they, too, must walk this path and in their hearts they weep for themselves and their loved ones, fearful of the dark side of Your gift of the cross.

We have to act to commit ourselves to changing what needs to be changed in our lives and in our world.

Bernadette, seeing the need for change in her own life said, “I ask you to pray to the Immaculate Virgin to obtain for me from her Son the grace to co-operate faithfully in the plans God has for me”.

Your only recorded words on the road to Calvary were to the weeping women: *“Do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your children ..”*. Their simple tears moved You with such compassion that You found the strength to speak to them. Help us, Lord, to feel compassion for those who witness our daily struggle.

(pause)

PRAYER

O Lord, don't allow self pity to turn us in on ourselves, but make us conscious of those who are worse off than we are. Grant that we will have the strength to feel and share your compassion each day. To you, O Jesus, be honour and praise for ever and ever. R. Amen.

All:

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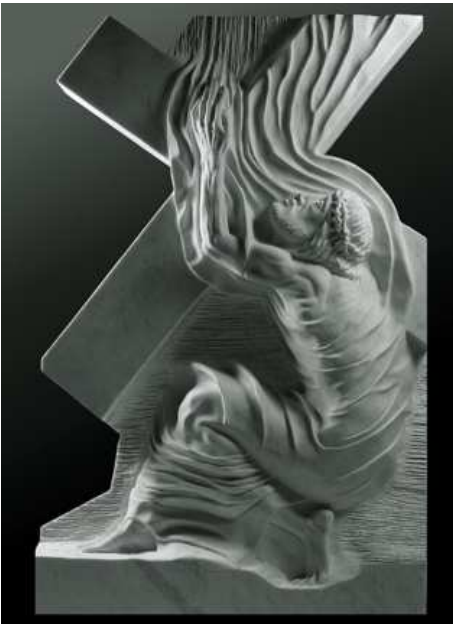
Berthy

NINTH STATION
Jesus falls the third time

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *My life is poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax, melting within me. My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have laid me in the dust and left me for dead. (Psalm 22)*



Leader: Lord, three times you fell on the road to Calvary; three times Your feet failed You. But You are the Everlasting Now. In our lives, we share in Jesus' passion, yet he does not count the times we fail Him.

In her last agony Bernadette said, *"I would not have believed that one has to suffer so much to die."*

Sharing in Your Passion, we will not count the times we fail You; we only beg You to lift

us up each time. Lord, if we recover from this illness, let us keep the closeness to You that the present trial has brought us.
(pause)

PRAYER

Here I am again, Lord, at a low ebb in my life.

Your strength and courage to keep going
gives me strength and courage.

I place my trust in You, so I may see Calvary with gratitude in my heart.

To you, O Jesus, our support when we are weak, be honour and glory for ever.

R. Amen.

All:

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

Gerard

TENTH STATION

Jesus is stripped and offered gall and vinegar to drink

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it”. This was to fulfil what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” (John 19)*



Leader: Lord, since this sickness began we have endured many invasions of the body's privacy through tests, consultations, treatments, or surgery. How painful it is to submit to the ministrations of others. But before us You stand meek as a lamb, while soldiers have stripped the garments from You.

Bernadette was humiliated many times over but then she allowed God to clothe her in his love, a love that she lived the rest of her life.

One by one we must shed the layers of false pride or true, of health and vigour, and of many worldly favours. Just let us keep that loincloth of faith, and yes, a sense of humour in the midst of our humiliations, so that we may step up to the cross clothed in Your grace.

(pause)

PRAYER

Lord help me to bear shame and humiliation with the dignity and self composure that I see in you when they tore your clothes from your body. Give me the courage to feel comfortable with the real me that perhaps only I know.

To you, O Jesus, be honour and glory for ever.

R. Amen.

All:

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

Sr. Mary

ELEVENTH STATION
Jesus is nailed to the Cross

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others – one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross: it read “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” (John 19)*



Leader: We are surrounded by many people 'nailed' as it were to a bed of sickness, suffering and injustice. It is this reality that Jesus shares as he remains nailed to the Cross. It is this suffering, this reality that Jesus wished to transform with his love. It is this suffering that we are called to fill with his love – by giving hope and giving our time, by sharing with those in need. Only love can give heart to our wounded

brothers and sisters.

When nailed, as it were, to her bed of pain Bernadette spoke of the transforming power of love when she said, “I am happier on my bed of suffering with my crucifix in my hand than a queen on her throne”.

(pause)

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Help us accept the physical and mental pain
of our sickness and suffering

as You accepted the nails in your hands and feet.

Give us the understanding that your Calvary is ours now,
and that you are with us every inch of the way.

Fill our hearts with your love, that we may see in your Cross
the sign of our redemption and, drawn by your wounds,
we may live and die with you.

To you, O Jesus, be honour and glory forever.

R. Amen.

All:

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

Angel

TWELFTH STATION Jesus dies on the Cross

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *It was now about the sixth hour and the sun's light failed, so that darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Sanctuary was torn right down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Father into your hands I commit my spirit'. With these words he breathed his last. (Luke 23)*



Leader: Jesus Lord, You came to the world the Word made flesh. Now the paradox that we must die to live is enacted on the cross. Your mother, Mary, and your apostle John are at the foot of Your cross suffering with You. Help those who stand by us in our last hours. Help us to forgive those who have hurt us, and forgive us our failures to love. From the cross You forgave; help us to do the same.

Bring us past that cry of "Why have You abandoned me?" to

the final "It is finished," when You will embrace us eternally. With the good thief we say, "*Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.*"

Let us now pray with Bernadette a prayer she composed before the Cross.

PRAYER

Lord, I cannot shed my blood and give my life for you.
At least I desire to die to all that displeases you,
to the desire of my senses, to the world and to myself.
Cross of my Saviour, you are the tree of life
that unites heaven and earth and the altar upon which
I wish to sacrifice myself in dying with Jesus.
To you, O Jesus, be honour and glory forever more.
Amen.

All:

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

Renard

THIRTEENTH STATION

Jesus is taken down from the Cross and given to his Mother

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission: so he came and removed his body. (John 19)*



Leader: The Cross remains throughout history as a sign of God's love for us. Jesus, taken down from the cross, is again in the arms of his mother as he was in the stable of Bethlehem and at Nazareth. Bernadette described the Cross as the tree of life, the mysterious ladder which unites heaven and earth. God's embracing of all peoples.

Mary had known since the presentation of Jesus as a child in the temple that she would be pierced with sorrow, but she could not have known how, until it happened. Not only does she now endure and accept, but she loves us all, sinners though

we are. So we pray: **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

Mary will stand by us, as she stood by You, at the foot of the cross. May our Lady take us by the hand when our hands are still at last. Mary our Mother, place our hands in those of your Son.

(pause)

PRAYER

Mary, Mother of God,
intercede for us that we may receive the grace of faith,
hope and charity.

so that we, like you, may stand unflinching beneath the Cross
until our last breath.

To your Son, Jesus, our Saviour
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

All:

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

Brinsten

FOURTEENTH STATION

Jesus is laid in the tomb

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: *Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. (Matthew 27)*



Leader: Bernadette lived in the hope of the resurrection as she looked to the happiness of the “other world” promised to her by Our Lady. Like Jesus in the tomb she waited for the life of the Resurrection.

Lord, resurrection is the key to all we believe and understand of our faith. The sorrow of Your mother and friends as the stone is rolled into place will be changed to joy at Easter.

The empty tomb, the silent witness of the Resurrection, speaks to us. The stone rolled back, the inner chamber empty, the

cloths on the ground: this will be what John sees when he comes to the tomb with Peter. *“He saw and he believed”*
(pause)

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

I am content to rest in the darkness because you have promised to always be there for me no matter what happens.

I know that you are with me,
even when I feel utterly abandoned and alone.

I put my trust in you.

To you, O Jesus, whose presence, hidden and victorious,
fills the history of the world,
be honour and glory for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

All:

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

Berthy

FIFTHTEENTH STATION The Resurrection

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R/. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world

Reader: *On the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb. Two men in dazzling white appeared to them and said: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here he is risen."*

(Luke 24)



Leader: The life of Jesus does not stop at the Cross. If it did our faith would be in vain. Christ's death won us back from death. His resurrection gives us new hope. The Cross and the Resurrection can never be separated—they are the one movement of Jesus towards the Father.

The first thing Bernadette did with our Lady was to make the Sign of the Cross. The last thing Bernadette did on her death-bed was to summon up all her energy to make the Sign of the Cross. She then passed with the Sign of the Cross from this world to

“the other world”, the world of the Resurrection.

Let us always remember that for every Good Friday there is always an Easter Sunday.

(pause)

PRAYER

God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death

and opened the way to eternal life.

Raise us up and renew our lives

by the Spirit that lives within us.

All:

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

Angel

Christ has died, alleluia! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Christ will come again, alleluia! alleluia!

Eduardo

CLOSING PRAYER

Mary stood by her Son throughout his passion and, in her faith, experienced the joy of his resurrection. With Mary's assistance, we pray that we will deepen our faith and draw closer to her Son, Christ our Lord.

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to the Father. May we, who have faithfully reflected on these stations of the cross, follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

LEADER: As we end our time together, let us join in the Prayer for Strength:

ALL:

**Every day I need you Lord, but this day especially.
I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come.
This day more than any other day I need to feel you near me;
To fortify my courage and to overcome my fear.
And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand.**

BLESSING WITH THE OBLATE CROSS

To follow Jesus is to accompany him to Calvary in order to enter into the mystery of the resurrection with him. The Oblate cross is

a constant reminder of the love of the Saviour who wishes to draw all hearts to himself and sends us out as his co-workers.

V/. The Lord be with you.

R/. **And also with you.**

V/. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

R/. **Now and forever.**

V/. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. **Who made heaven and earth.**

V/. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R/. **Amen**

About the artist who created the new stations.

It took Marie de Faykod 5 years – with great devotion of heart and soul - to create these beautiful new Stations of the Cross for the Sanctuaries of Lourdes. They have been specifically designed to be accessible to all sick and disabled pilgrims. On her website, Maria describes these Stations as “divine love in art form that lift up the spirit and invite meditation”.

In her sculptures of this new Way of the Cross, the sculptor has added three new Stations so that the Passion of Christ does not end in the traditional way as presented in 14 Stations of the Way of the Cross.

The essential message to this religious monument is the spiritual journey of suffering humanity from hope to the transcendent, from the transcendent to new birth through the mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

PERSONAL PRAYERS

Healing Prayer

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, go back into my memory as I sleep.

Every hurt that has ever been done to me, heal that hurt.

Every hurt that I have ever caused another person, heal that hurt.

All the relationships that have been damaged in my whole life that I am not aware of,

heal those relationships.

But, O Lord, if there is anything that I need to do,

If I need to go to a person because he or she is still suffering from my hand, bring to my awareness that person.

I choose to forgive, and I ask to be forgiven.

Remove whatever bitterness may be in my heart, Lord, and fill the empty spaces with your love. Amen.

Prayer to Mary, Our Mother

Mary, Mother of Jesus,
Be a mother for us today.

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the courage to change the things I can change, the serenity to accept those I cannot change, and the wisdom to know the difference.

But God, grant me the courage not to give up on what I think is right, even though I think it is hopeless

HYMNS

Soul of My Saviour

Soul of my Saviour
sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ
be thou my saving guest
Blood of my Saviour
bathe me in thy tide;
Wash me ye waters streaming
from his side.

Strength and protection
may his Passion be;
O blessed Jesus
hear and answer me.
Deep in thy wounds, Lord
hide and shelter me.
So shall I never,
ever part from thee.

Sweet Heart of Jesus

Sweet heart of Jesus f
ount of love and mercy,
today we come
thy blessing to implore.
O touch our hearts,
so cold and so ungrateful
and make them, Lord,
thine own for evermore.
Sweet heart of Jesus
We thee implore
O make us love thee
More and more.

Sweet heart of Jesus make us pure
and gentle
and teach us how
to do thy blessed will.
To follow close
the print of thy dear footsteps
and when we fall
Sweet heart, O love us still.

God of Mercy and Compassion

God of mercy and compassion
look with pity upon me.
Father, let me call thee Father
'tis thy child returns to thee.
Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy let me
not implore in vain.
All my sins I now detest them
Never will I sin again.

See our Saviour bleeding, dying
on the cross of Calvary
To that cross my sins have
nailed him
yet he bleeds and dies for me.

Hail, Queen of Heaven

Hail Queen of heaven;
the ocean star.
Guide of the wand'rer here below.
Thrown on life's surge
we claim thy care;
save us from peril and from woe
Mother of Christ,
star of the sea.

Pray for the wand'rer
Pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless
maid.
We sinners make our prayers
through thee.
Remind thy Son, that he has paid
the price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure
star of the sea.
Pray for the sinner,
pray for me.

Jesus, remember me

Jesus, remember me when you
come into your kingdom. (x2)

Were you there..

Were you there when they
crucified my Lord (x2)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there
when they crucified my Lord.

Were you there when they nailed
him to a tree ...

Were you there when they pierced
him in the side ...

Were you there when they laid
him in the tomb ...

Were you there when he rose from
out the tomb ...

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God
when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
thy hands hath made.
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the
universe displayed.
*Then sings my soul
my saviour God to thee
How great thou art;
how great thou art.
Then sings my soul,
my saviour God to thee
How great thou art,
how great thou art.*

And when I think that God, his
son not sparing
sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross
my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died,
to take away my sin.