

At the School of Mary

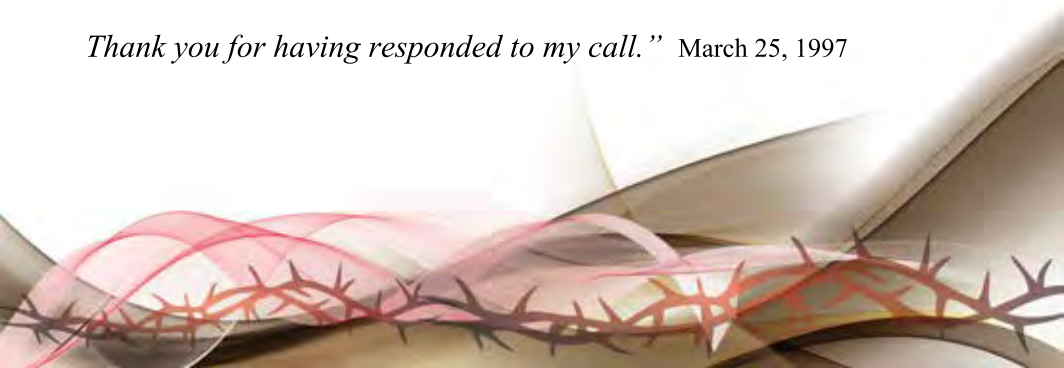


The Stations of the Cross

“Dear children!

Today, in a special way, I invite you to take the cross in the hands and to meditate on the wounds of Jesus. Ask of Jesus to heal your wounds, which you, dear children, during your life sustained because of your sins or the sins of your parents. Only in this way, dear children, you will understand that the world is in need of healing of Faith in God the Creator. By Jesus' passion and death on the cross, you will understand that only through prayer, you too can become true apostles of Faith; when, in simplicity and prayer, you live Faith which is a gift.

Thank you for having responded to my call.” March 25, 1997



Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*“Lord Jesus, I would like to meet you.
Guide me on The Way.*

*Blessed Mother, teach me how
to hold on to Thy Most Beloved Son’s words as I walk up
the Calvary of my life.*

*Help me – so that I, like you –
will obey God the Father’s will:
‘May it be done to me, according to Thy Word.’
Help me to do what our Blessed Lord asks me to do.*

*Eternal Father, here I am...
Press me tightly against Thy Beloved Son’s pierced side.
May the water that continually gushes forth wash away my sins and
my desire for sin. May Thy Son’s Most Precious Blood renew my
inner being with the virtues that await the children of the kingdom of
Heaven: Faith, Hope, Love, Joy, Humility, Gentleness, Self-Control,
Chastity, and Purity of Heart.
All so that you may acknowledge me as one of your precious children -
one who is returning to You .”*

Amen



FIRST STATION
JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“The Chief Priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put Him to death...”

Matthew 26:59

For the Grace of accepting condemnation

Our Lord says:

“I was judged and finally condemned to death... My Apostles fled. All who once listened to My words and teachings are now in agreement with the government and the religious authorities. They who were once filled with praises and admiration for Me in light of all the miracles. They pressed through the crowds simply to touch Me and assure Me of their loyalty. Now, they are all against Me. Meanwhile Pilate, a foreigner, would like to set Me free. It is My own people that condemn Me to death...”

People around you, even your closest of friends, will judge and condemn you.

Now you know that it is not possible to rely on men and women. I alone am your support and security. When the world hates you, remember that it hated Me first. Do not defend yourself when you are judged and condemned by others. Their judgement cannot destroy your soul – it serves only to bring your soul closer to Me and I will lead you into eternal glory...”

“Dear children! Today I ask you to STOP all malicious gossip.”

April 12, 1984

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



SECOND STATION

JESUS TAKES UP THE CROSS

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

"Ours were the sufferings He bore. Ours, the sorrows He carried..."

Isaiah 53:4

***For the Grace of accepting one's
daily routine***



Our Lord says:

*"I could have defended Myself or wanted
others to defend Me. I could have said:
'I am innocent, why should I suffer?'
But I accepted the cross without complaining.*

*Every moment of your life is a burden. You can accept it with
patience or shake it off. You can flee from everyday life or face it.
I accepted it... Now you know where to find Me...*

*Remember, your strength does not lie in running away, but you must
decide if you want to follow Me.... This is the daily cross. Only few
people recognize it. Many look for extraordinary crosses.
But your cross is here - in accepting your daily routine.*

*Your daily routine is your life and your cross. If you accept it you will
receive many Graces from on High reserved for you and your Faith
will quickly develop."*

***"Dear children, pray that you may accept illnesses and sufferings with
love and patience, just as Jesus accepted them."*** September 11, 1986

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



THIRD STATION
JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME BENEATH THE CROSS

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice pleasing to God.” Ephesians 5:2

For the Grace of having the courage to fall

Our Lord says:

“It is difficult to fall down. Everyone desires to remain standing, to withstand and to prevail. I Am God, nevertheless – and I fell beneath the cross, powerless... Everybody witnessed My miracles in amazement. But now they watch Me as I fall: beaten and despised.

Have the courage to fall and to admit it. Seek not to make it seem better. Here on earth you cannot become different. You are here to die. For it is written: ‘It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes the judgment.’ Hebrews 9:27

Why are you afraid to fall? Why don’t you dare look up when you have suffered defeat? When others are more clever than you? Why are you afraid when your sins get you down? You would like to get through everything on your own...

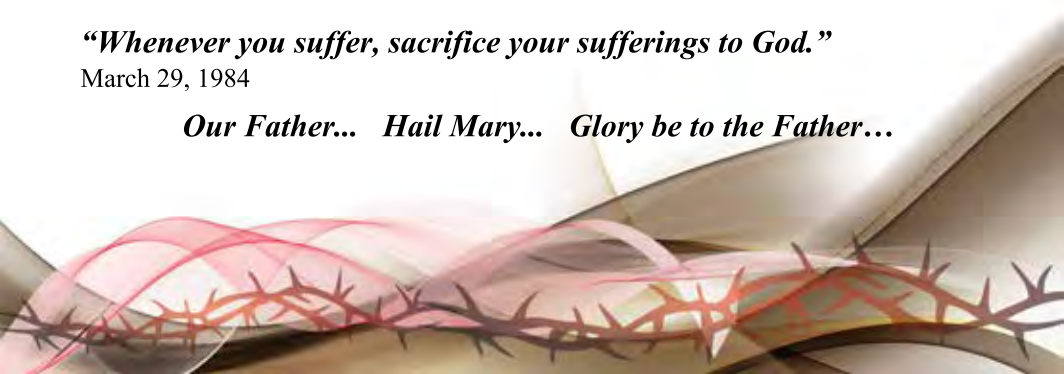
But look - when you fall - you can come to Me. Do not be afraid, falling is not the end. Why do you take it to heart so much? Why are you so ashamed? Your fall is an invitation to come closer to Me and I will give you New Strength.

If you understand that I fell, you will be able to see The LIGHT of My Face in your fall, and together we will defeat sin and failure. It is important not to remain isolated in falling, but to draw closer to Me.

“Whenever you suffer, sacrifice your sufferings to God.”

March 29, 1984

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



FOURTH STATION

JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“This child is set for the rise and fall of many in Israel. ... and a sword shall pierce your own soul too - so that the thoughts of many may be revealed.” Luke 2:34-35

For the Grace of comforting distressed loved ones

Our Lord says:

“It is impossible to never distress someone you love. I could have avoided meeting My Mother. Do you know what it means to meet someone whom you have disappointed?

I was rejected and despised like a heretic and a seducer. My Mother knew all about it. She saw My outer and inner pain and looked Me in the eyes.

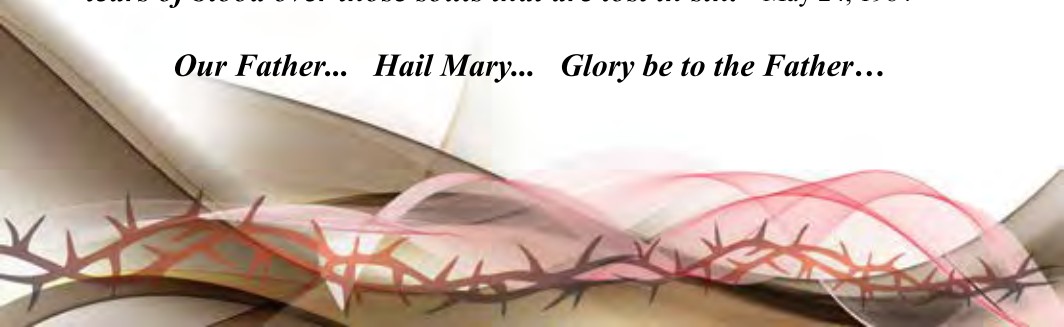
It is a cross to look a loved one in the eyes when all others mock you. It is impossible not to disappoint people who love you. But you cannot protect them against it. Do not reject this cross.

You will find Me when you see that you have distressed your friends. You see how your troubles pain them. This worries you. My mother understood who I Am even in My defeat. Her last wish that I should succeed died in her, but her belief developed to the full.

You recognize a true friend if he stands by you even if nobody else finds anything praiseworthy in you. Then this true friend desires the best for you and you only. Accept what is offensive about you. Accept the fact that you will disappoint others, and you will meet Me and My Mother.”

“I, the Mother, love you all... I ask you not to allow my heart to cry tears of blood over those souls that are lost in sin.” May 24, 1984

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



FIFTH STATION
SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY THE CROSS

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“Rejoice that you are participating in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His Glory is revealed.” 1 Peter 4:13

For the Grace of accepting help from others

Our Lord says:

“Nobody respected Me. So many people did I cure, but even they left Me, just like those who I was close to. Full of wounds and full of blood, shaken after meeting My Mother, I needed loving hands to support Me. The only one who came had to be forced. I longed for help given in compassion and love. Simon had to be forced to help Me. It is a cross to find nobody willing to suffer with you in love. If you accept it you are no longer alone in suffering - because I am with you.

...and something else. Have the courage to allow others to help you. I did it. Although I Am God Almighty. Let others surpass you, let them take care of you: admit that you need them.

This is a cross and you cannot avoid it. Learn that it is a door to Me. Do not be astonished when everything in you opposes this cross: ‘For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature.’ Galatian 5:17

Receive your cross, follow Me and you will be with Me.”

“Do not be afraid to carry the cross. There is my Son to help you.”

April 5th, 1985

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



SIXTH STATION
VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“Very truly I tell you, whatever you did to one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did it to Me.” Matthew 25:40

For the Grace of accepting a favour without being able to repay it

Our Lord says:

*“They took everything from Me. They all left Me.
I was alone, without any possessions: on My way to death.
Then Veronica came up to Me and wiped My face with a cloth.
Do you know how one feels in such a situation? I was deeply moved
and filled with gratitude, but I had nothing to reward her with. I had
nothing but My suffering and My pain.
So I gave her the impression of My bleeding Face.*

*It is a cross to allow people to do you a favour without being able to
reward them. Have courage and do what you have seen Me do.
Do not hesitate to be indebted to others. You need not pay for
everything. Give yourself in return. Learn to receive without
immediately thinking of having to pay back. This is a door to Me:
suffering the shame that you cannot give in return.
So you will meet Me, and you will recognize The Father because you
cannot reward Him for what He gives you. He is like a spring exuding
water generously. If you are like that, you are My Father’s child. Also
accept the cross that you cannot repay God for all His Love. Be like a
child that enjoys his father’s and his mother’s love.”*

***“I thank you for all your sacrifices and call upon you for the greatest
sacrifice, the sacrifice of Love. Without Love you cannot accept either
me or my Son. Without love you cannot bear witness of your
experiences.”*** March 27th, 1986

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



SEVENTH STATION
JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“All who see Me mock Me; they hurl insults and shake their heads; ‘He trusted in the Lord; let Him save him. Let Him deliver him, since He is his friend’.” Psalm 22:7-8

For the Grace of rising through falls

Our Lord says:

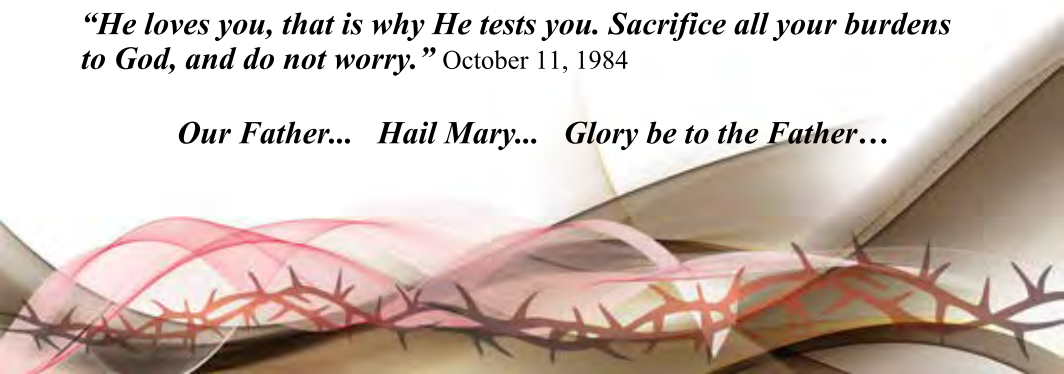
“Everybody wanted to see Me strong. But I fell a second time. I knew that My Mother would be shocked and My enemies would mock Me. My friends would withdraw from Me in disappointment.

My weakness outraged everyone and they asked themselves: ‘Is this really God?’ I received this cross. My Father wanted to show that in Me, He is stronger than any offence.

If you fall for the first time you will be able to make an excuse, but if you become weak a second time, everyone will be able to prove that you are inferior. You will set yourself against this cross and you will want to put things right and justify yourself. But in this case you become a stranger to Me. By doing so, you do not bear witness for Me, but for yourself, because you only want to show your own strength. Be aware that you will fall again and again, but I Am here to raise you. Then they will say: ‘Look, he has been raised.’ Your seventh cross consists in admitting your suffering weakness. Do not be afraid to fall, but turn to Me. If you accept this cross you will find Me in it, because the flesh suffers defeat - it is the Spirit who triumphs.”

“He loves you, that is why He tests you. Sacrifice all your burdens to God, and do not worry.” October 11, 1984

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



EIGHTH STATION

JESUS COMFORTS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For if this is what is done to the wood when it is green, what will be done when it is dry?”

Luke 23:28,31

For the Grace of comforting others in one's own grief

Our Lord says:

“The women listened to Me, they believed Me and loved Me. I blessed their children. They looked at Me with their hearts. They could not understand why someone would condemn Me. They cried because they felt that by condemning Me, life was condemned. In their sadness I comforted them.

This is the cross of conquering one's own grief and seeing freedom behind it.

No grief is tragic in the end. Hardheartedness and blindness are tragic. It is tragic not to recognize that there is a resurrection behind each death, recovery behind illness, reunion behind farewells. It is tragic to submit to self-pity...

You win a victory where you see someone else's grief and comfort them when you yourself need comforting. Then it is God who comforts you. Have courage to do without human comfort and to ask God for strength. In this way, you conquer the world.

You follow the Stations of the Cross - they are the Way into LIFE. If you yourself are wounded and in pain, but comfort others along the Way, then you will find Me; and I will support you.”

“Dear children, I ask you to mend your ways. It is Time for you to do it.” February 13th, 1986

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



NINTH STATION
JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“My life is consumed by anguish and My years by groaning. My strength fails because of My affliction - and My bones grow weak.”

Psalm 31:10

For the Grace of suffering total defeat

Our Lord says:

“I fell a third time. The people believed that to be My final breakdown. And just when they supposed that I would never make it, I summoned up all My strength, took the cross and dragged it up to Golgotha. A man can go on even if nobody thinks that it is possible. The moment will come when people will tell you: ‘There is nothing more to be expected from you. It is the end!’ You yourself will think, ‘I cannot go on’...”

This is the moment of your surrender, of the realization of your failure. Do you really want to abandon all Hope then? Do not be afraid! There is another door...

And you will meet Me once again behind it. If you cannot rely on yourself any longer, I will be there. You will cry out from the bottom of your heart, and I will answer. It is a cross to lose and to be left alone; to have nobody who believes in you anymore – to be given up. But if you accept this cross, I will surprise you with My Presence and My Strength. You will be able to go to the ends of the earth in My name. Are you willing to accept this cross? Do not worry, I Am with you and I have conquered the world.”

“Promise that you will not offend or mock either Jesus or the Cross.”

September 12th, 1985

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



TENTH STATION
JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS CLOTHES

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“People stare at Me and gloat. They divide My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing.” Psalm 22:17,18

For the Grace of being humiliated

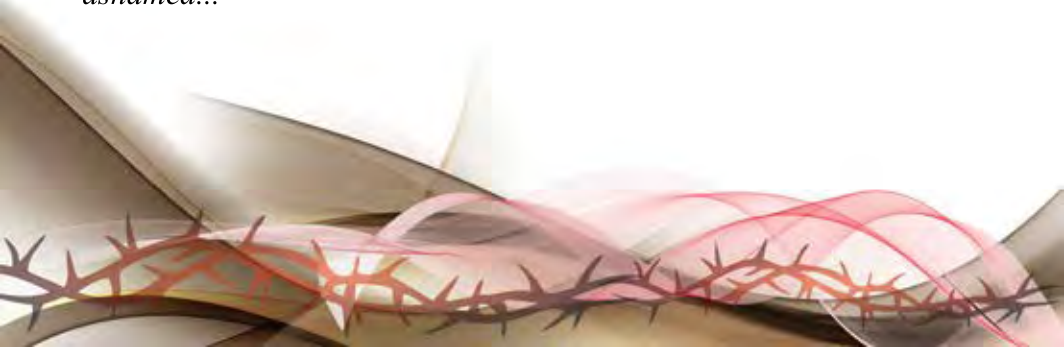
Our Lord says:

“I endured being stripped of My clothes, being deprived of My most intimate things. I let it happen - that they ignored My sense of shame and invaded My privacy.

You want to have at least some tiny sphere for yourself, some area that belongs to you alone, that must not be invaded by anybody else. You want to have something that nobody must see – otherwise your dignity would be offended. You are prepared to guard it and to hide it from everyone’s eye. You are convinced to have a right to it. You want to keep it at all costs as it is your most intimate possession and you are ready to fight for it.

But a moment will come when there will be no chance for you to save anything for yourself. There are situations when you must let everything go. You will be deprived of everything...

You have to get through this cross. Give everything to God. We, My Father, the Spirit and I, will remain your most intimate and untouchable sphere. It is not only a cross when your body is violently stripped of clothing, it is much more painful when your soul is stripped. Your sins removed the cover of your soul long ago - and now - now, you are ashamed...



Accept this cross, and nobody will be able to degrade you. Allow our Father to give you New Clothes. Sacrifice your privacy and He will transform it into perfect innocence. In vain you will strive for innocence. Admit being too weak to attain it.

This is the tenth cross - the cross of man's disregard for a sense of shame, the cross of man's longing for innocence, the cross of man's fear that anyone might learn of his guilt.

Accept this cross and you will meet Me. Your fears will dissolve. Admit being weak, admit being what you are; a human being that is degraded by sin on the way to death. If you admit that, no one will ever be able to harm you."

"Look around you, dear children, and you will see to what extent sin has already seized power on earth. Therefore, pray that Jesus may win." September 13, 1984

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



ELEVENTH STATION
JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“He was pierced for our transgressions, Crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

For the Grace of being nailed to the cross

Our Lord says:

*“As long as you carry the cross you have the chance of throwing it off. But as soon as you are nailed to it you cannot escape any more... Now you know that the Cross is your destiny until death. It is hard to accept this. You would like to throw off your crosses, but you are nailed to them. They are the place where you will die. Those who surround you will nail you to the cross. Are you afraid to die? Are you afraid to live? Then you **MUST** die to yourself; that you may have more of **MY** life working in you and through you. For there are crosses from which there is no escape. In vain you try to avoid them. Stop this futile fight and come to Me.*

*Dying with Me means **LIFE**. Do not delude yourself into thinking that there may be other ways. The cross remains until the End, and the sooner you accept dying, the sooner you will rise again.*

Remember this eleventh cross. For you are nailed forever to it, and also to Me; thus we become One.”

“Pray especially before the Cross, for great Graces come from it.”

September 12, 1985

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



TWELFTH STATION
JESUS DIES UPON THE CROSS

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“One of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out...” John 19:34

For the Grace of dying on the cross

Our Lord says:

“Death... I go from this world, but not into nothingness. I go in order to live in a New Way. By dying I did My Father’s will. In dying I said, ‘Father, into your hands I commend My Spirit!’ And by doing so I fulfilled My Father’s plan.

You think death is the End, and so you live in fear and oppose the thought of death. But as long as you do not accept death, a heavy burden rests upon your shoulders. If you accept death you win the Victory and you come to Me.

I Am far from you as long as you reject death and ask Me to spare you. Understand that The Way to Me is only through suffering and death. For death destroys everything that is sinful and mortal in you.

I, however, destroy death itself. Death frees you from various crosses, but I free you from death. Risk looking into death’s eyes. Regard this cross as The Father’s present - as fulfilment.

The Father has tolerated death. If you oppose dying you oppose The Father the Spirit and I. The twelfth cross is the summit! A feast - the moment of completion.

It is the beginning of Real LIFE.”

“Dear children! Make amends for the wound my Son’s heart has received! This heart has been injured by all sorts of sins.” April 5, 1984

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



THIRTEENTH STATION
JESUS IS TAKEN FROM THE CROSS and
LAID IN MARY'S ARMS

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“You that pass by - behold and see if there be any sufferings like the suffering that was inflicted on Me?” Lamentations 1:12

For the Grace of not being able to enjoy the fruits of one's labours

Our Lord says:

“Only when I was dead did My friends come.

You are the seeds of a time to come...

But you want to see the fruits of your labours immediately and all at once! My disciples often die in hopelessness and shame. It is not they themselves, but others who harvest what they have sown. Others gain friends and life.

This is the moment for you to serve as a seed of the world to come. This is your cross. It is I who trusts you. For throughout your life, you will hardly find recognition and success. Only after your death will you be taken down from the Cross and then you will be honoured.

For all of eternity no cross will ever again be a burden to you because you will have had the courage to bear the cross in your life on earth to the End. To work, and not to be able to enjoy the fruits of one's labours: this is the thirteenth cross. It takes courage to sow seeds without being able to harvest any crops.

But I Am the fruit of your renunciation. And I will take you to your RESURRECTION.”

“Dear children! I give you special Graces from the Cross. Accept them and live them.” February 20, 1986

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



FOURTEENTH STATION
THE BODY OF JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

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

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.” John 12:24

For the Grace of living in total abandonment to Our Father

Our Lord says:

“My friends believed that they were doing Me a great honour by putting My body in a tomb. They cared for My body and forgot what I had told them: ‘On the third day I will rise.’

The tomb worries you. When your tomb is filled, you cease to exist. When not even the smallest trace is left of you, what will you do? When those you expected, do not attend your funeral, when you end your life in misery and shame, it is I who knows you.

It is a cross to bury one’s last wish, the wish to be respected here on earth. For this wish prevents you from being of real importance, from being a LIGHT! You want to be near Me but you do not want to burn bridges behind you. Only then can I transform your life. Bury your wishes and accept the fourteenth cross. The RESURRECTION is above it. I derive pleasure from the tomb in which your pride and arrogance is buried.

You do not want to be put in a tomb, you are shocked by the thought of letting go of this life. Therefore you are dead. If you were willing to accept death you would be able to rise in My LIFE. Only one who is dead can rise. Do not be afraid!

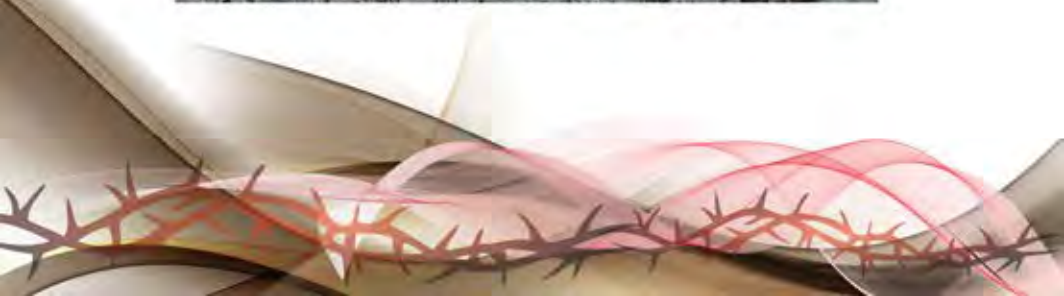


What you call 'death' is a bridge from you to Me. I have gone this Way and I am waiting for you. Understand that by My death, I did not leave the world - for it has been given to Me. Prior to that moment, I was only a guest on earth. Now I Am its Master. You will be as I Am.

Give to death what belongs to it. Do not regard the tomb as a sad end, but as a New Birth and a real beginning. Give up your pride - be prepared to die - and the dawn of Easter Glory will break upon you and The LIGHT of My Face will shine upon you. In My Mercy, you will be saved."

"I wish that you may understand that life on earth is very short compared to Eternal Life. Therefore dear children, decide again in favour of God today." November 27, 1986

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...



Closing Prayer

“Lord Jesus Christ, in Your burial, You became the lifeless grain which produces abundant fruit in every age and for all of Eternity.

From the tomb shines forth in every generation the promised grain of wheat that now gives rise to the True Manna, the Bread of Life: the Most Holy Eucharist - in which you offer your RESURRECTED self to us.

You put Yourself into our hands and into our hearts, so that Your Word can grow within us and bear much fruit. You invite us to lose our life in order to find it. Help us grow in Love and Understanding of Your Eucharistic Presence: to make You, the Bread of Heaven, the sole source of our life.

Our Heavenly Father did not abandon you to the nether world, nor let Your flesh see corruption. You are RISEN! You have made a place for our transfigured flesh in the very heart of God the Father by the power of God the Holy Spirit. Help us to rejoice in this Hope and live it joyfully in the world. Help us to become witnesses of the RESURRECTION that awaits all of humanity at the End of the Age.

Let The LIGHT of Thy Face shine upon us O Lord, and in Thy MERCY, we shall be saved!”

Amen

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.





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