

Stations of the Cross – Coronavirus

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Introduction: The coronavirus sets before us one of the crosses that human beings must face throughout their lives: the cross of sickness. It is a cross that can disrupt all aspects of life, as persons, as families, as society, as a world. This is the reality we are now living.

We pray, at the foot of the cross of Jesus, that the Lord might come to our aid at this most challenging time in the lives of all of us, a time that requires the collaboration of all if we are to survive. May we find light and peace at the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1st Station: Jesus is condemned to Death

At this first station we pray for all people everywhere. We are fragile. We are exposed to viruses, sickness, sin, and danger of all sorts.... It is the "condemnation" of our limitations and human weakness. May we recognize and accept as true the condition of fragility that identifies us: we are not gods, we are frail creatures of flesh and blood.

OUR FATHER...

2nd Station: Jesus carries the cross

Let us pray at this station for all civil authorities. May political and health authorities who have the responsibility to manage the coronavirus epidemic, work for the good of all people. It is their turn to carry the cross and to watch over the health of all people. May God enlighten them and guide them in all their decision making.

OUR FATHER...

3rd Station: Jesus falls for the first time

Let us pray at this station so that we do not fall into the temptation of frivolity, of not taking seriously the recommendations made to us so that we can avoid all that would cause the virus to spread and so put our health and the health of others at risk.

OUR FATHER...



4th Station: Jesus encounters his Mother

Let us pray at this station for the intercession of the Virgin Mary. May we also trust to her the direction and guidance of all the many professionals that have accepted the responsibility to watch over us "as mothers" by working for our health and well-being.

OUR FATHER...

5th Station:

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the Cross

Let us pray at this station for all health care professionals: doctors, nurses, paramedics and staff who work in health care... for all hospital staff who are the Cyrenians who help the sick to overcome their illnesses. May God protect them, care for them, strengthen them, and help them in these difficult hours.

OUR FATHER...

6th Station: A woman wipes the face of Jesus

Let us pray at this station for the people who, generously, serve, collaborate, and contribute their time and their gifts to help response to the many hardships that this epidemic has caused. They generously help the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the unemployed and all who are struggling. May we learn to serve those in need are suffering without condemnation or misjudgment.

OUR FATHER...

7th Station: Jesus falls a second time

Let us pray at this station so that we do not fall into fear, hysteria, or despair, that brings nothing good to anyone. May the Lord give us the serenity to face these difficult days.

OUR FATHER...

8th Station: Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem

Let us pray that God will answer the prayer of all those who have placed their faith in him and who daily pray that God will be merciful on us, free us from this virus and from all that is evil.

OUR FATHER...



9th Station: Jesus falls a third time

Let us pray at this station for those who suffer the collateral damage caused by this sickness: For employers and employees who see their livelihoods endangered by the epidemic; for the end to the shortages of food and medical supplies; and that lives can once again return to something that would be more “normal”.

OUR FATHER...

10th Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments

Let us pray at this station for researchers looking for more effective treatments for those who are sick and a vaccine to keep us safe. May their works soon bear fruit.

OUR FATHER...

11th Station: Jesus is crucified

Let us pray at this station for all those who are in quarantine because they have the virus or to halt its spread. May the Lord give them patience, and may this time help us all to come to know ourselves better and recognize our need for God.

OUR FATHER...

12th Station: Jesus dies on the Cross

Let us pray at this station for all those who have died from the coronavirus. May God welcome them into heaven, where there is no longer any sickness, mourning, or suffering.

OUR FATHER...

13th Station: Jesus is taken down from the Cross

Let us pray for all relatives of those who have suffered or are suffering from the coronavirus. May the Lord accompany them and strengthen them daily as they struggle to care for the sick and the suffering.

OUR FATHER...



14th Station: Jesus is buried

Let us pray that we might learn to face this viral epidemic and all those painful realities that confront us as human beings remember two important truths: that everything is transitory and that God always has the last word.

OUR FATHER...

15 Station: Jesus is resurrected

FINAL PRAYER: Oh God, we recognize that without you we, frail human beings, would never be able to overcome the dangers we currently face, especially the pandemic of the coronavirus. Look on us with mercy and grant us the health of spirit and body that will enable us to overcome this danger. Heal the sick and give us all your peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

