



# Good Friday Stations of the Cross

At each station there will be a short **scripture reading**, **silence**, and a **prayer**. This will be followed by the **Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be**.

As the celebrants move between each station, we will sing together a verse of the **Stabat Mater**.

## OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, as we set out with Jesus, as He begins His passion,  
open our ears to hear his invitation  
to take up our own crosses every day and follow him.  
Give us the courage to face the challenges we encounter on the way,  
free from the paralysis of fear.  
Strengthened by your grace, may we help each other to our feet.  
May we be confident that, walking with the Lord  
we shall arrive together at the fullness of life and joy,  
which is our hope and your gift.  
We ask you this through Christ, your Son and our brother.  
**Amen**

## I: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People: Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

***By the Cross her vigil keeping, stands the Queen of sorrows weeping,  
while her Son in torment hangs.***

## II: JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People: Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

***Now she feels O heart afflicted, by the sword of old predicted!  
More than all a mother's pangs.***

**III: JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People:** Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

*Sad and heavy stands beside Him she who once had magnified Him,  
'one-begotten, only born'.*

**IV: JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People:** Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

*While she sees that rich atoning, long the moaning, deep the groaning,  
of her mother-heart forlorn.*

**V: SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People:** Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

*Who, Christ's mother contemplating in such bitter anguish waiting,  
has no human tears to shed?*

**VI: VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People:** Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

*Who would leave Christ's mother, sharing all the pain her son is bearing,  
by those tears uncomforted?*

**VII: JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People:** Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

*Victim-priest of Jewry's nation, there he hangs in expiation;  
scourge and nail have had their will.*

**VIII: JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People:** Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

*Earth and heaven His cause forsaking, now His noble heart is breaking,  
now the labouring breath is still.*

**IX: JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People:** Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

*Mother, fount whence love flows truest, let me know the pain thou knewest,  
let me weep as thou has wept.*

**X: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS CLOTHING**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People:** Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

*Love divine within me burning, that divine love returning,  
that thy Son this heart accept.*

**XI: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People:** Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

*Mother if my prayer be granted, those five wounds of His implanted,  
in my breast I feign would see.*

**XII: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People:** Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

*Love exceeding hangs there bleeding, my cause pleading, my love needing.  
bid him share his cross with me.*

### **XIII: JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People: Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

***Til life fails I would not fail Him, still remember, still bewail Him,  
born thy Son and crucified.***

### **XIV: JESUS IS PLACED IN THE HOLY SEPULCHRE**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**People: Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Scripture Reading: Jacob Legarda

Prayer: Monsignor Kevin

***By the cross, my vigil keeping, I would spend those hours of weeping,  
Queen of Sorrows, at thy side.***

***When my body lies forsaken, let my ransomed soul awaken,  
safe in Paradise with thee.***

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Gracious God, now we have arrived at the end of our journey to the resting place of Jesus. We have been with Him as He endured opposition, mockery, failure, suffering and death.

He has thus embraced every aspect and defeat that we may face in our own pilgrimage through life.

Grant us, most generous God, that walking in the way of Jesus, we may attain that joy and freedom to which you call us.

We ask this though Christ Our Lord.

**Amen.**



## **HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

**The Holy Land Collection will be conducted after the seventh station.**