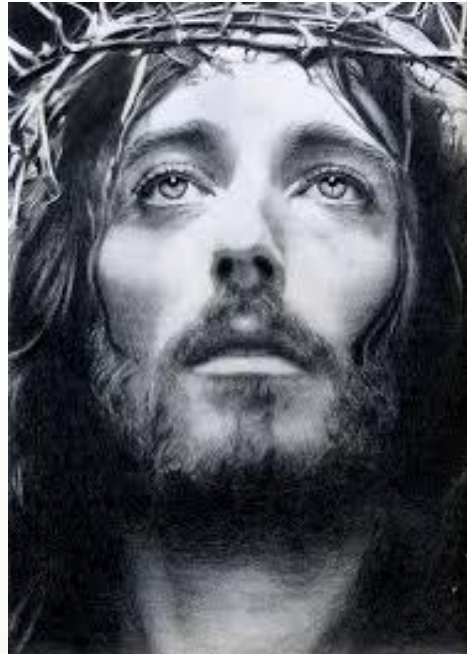




“Jesus of Nazareth by his words, his actions and his entire person reveals the mercy of God”



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The First Station: Jesus is Condemned to death

- ▶ “ When Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd”

Matthew 27: 22-26



Reflection:

- How often do I ignore you at school in the person no one wants to talk to? How often do my words condemn you in the way that I speak about others? It was not only the Jews and Pontius Pilate who condemned you, but I stand next to them shouting just as loud, 'Crucify Him!'
- Jesus, forgive me for the ways in which I condemn and pierce others with my words and actions. Help me to love like you and to learn by your example.



The Second Station: Jesus carries the Cross

- “After mocking Jesus, the soldiers stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. They led him away to crucify him.”

Matthew 27: 28-31



Reflection:

- ▶ How often do I forget that you have carried the load for me? How often do I try to carry things on my own, not allowing you to help me? It was not only the sins of world that you carried; it was my sin, my selfishness, my pride, my anger. Each added more to the load. And it was not only my sin you carried but also my burdens, worries, my sadness, my insecurities. Each you carried step by step up towards Golgotha, place of Skull.
- ▶ Jesus, help me not to forget the load that you carried for me. Give me the strength and the courage to let go of those things that separate me from you.



The Third Station: Jesus Falls for the First time

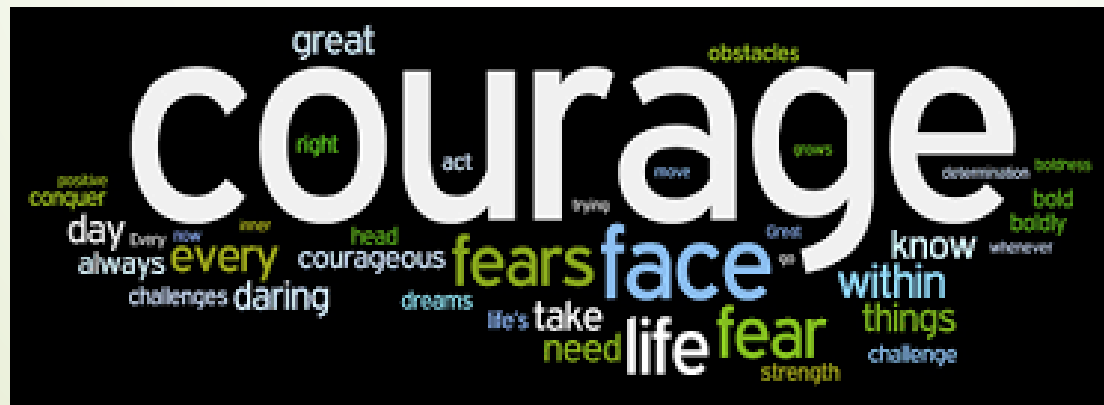
- “ He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed”



Isaiah 53: 5

Reflection:

- How many times have I fallen in my walk? Too many to count, I'm sure. So many times when I fall I don't feel like getting back up and trying again. There are too many temptations that I am faced with that feel too fun and easy to do because so many around me are doing them.
- Jesus, help me to remember your courage and perseverance when you fell. Give me the courage to get back up when I fall. Help me remember that it is worth it to live as you lived.



The Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Mother

- “ Then Simon blessed them and said to his mother Mary ‘This child is destined for the rising and falling of many in Israeland a sword will pierce your own soul too.’”



Luke 2: 33-35

Reflection:

- ▶ There are so many times when I feel alone in my struggles. It seems that no one understands what I am going through; but I realize they must. How many times have I hidden things from my parents out of fear of what they would say, or what trouble I would be in when all they want is to love me?
- ▶ Jesus, help me to remember that I am never alone in my struggles. Help me to see my parents as you saw yours. Help me know their love me and when things are hard between us, help me to remember the light of your Mother in life.



The Fifth Station: Simon helps Jesus carry his Cross

- “The soldiers compelled by a passer-by who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.”



Mark 15: 20-21

Reflection:

- ▶ How often do I pass up an opportunity to help someone in need? Do I let what others may think of me, stop me from reaching out?
- ▶ Jesus, open my ears to hear the ways that you call me to serve. Help me follow Simon's example of helping others. Help me to know what it is to be a true and faithful servant.




The Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

- “ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

Matthew 25: 37-40



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- ▶ How many times have I forgotten that each person is made in your image and likeness and therefore deserves my respect? Do I make others objects of my pleasure and ignore their humanity? Veronica courageously stepped forward and dared to treat you differently than everyone else. Could I do the same?
 - ▶ Jesus, help me to see your presence in others. Give me the courage to follow Veronica's example of treating others with love even when no one else does.

“It’s okay to be scared. Being scared means you’re about to do something really, really brave.”

The Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time.

- “ But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds...”

Luke 10: 25-27



Reflection:

- ▶ How many times have I failed to follow through on my promises? Or worse yet, how often have I lied even to people I care about? Do I remember your faithfulness even when I fail?
- ▶ Jesus, help me to believe in your faithfulness and love for me. Give me the grace to follow through on my word to others. Help me to person of integrity.



The Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

- ▶ “ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breast and wailing for him.”

Luke 23: 27-28



Reflection:

Do I listen to your words in my life? How often have the things I've watched or listened to led me away from you? Have I allowed the Gospel to reign in my heart?

Jesus, help me to listen to your words Show me I can put you first.



The Ninth Station: Jesus falls for the third time.

- “ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for us all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.”

2 Corinthians 5:14-15



Reflection:

- ▶ How many times have I let my flesh win over my spirit? How often have I chosen to sin rather than to follow your way? Was it my sin that became too heavy that you fell this third time?
- ▶ Jesus, help me to follow your ways. Help me remember your victory over my sin. Give me the grace to recognize when I sin and the desire to sin no more.



The Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments.

“ The soldiers took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic ..”

John 19: 23-24



Reflection:

- ▶ How often have I judged others by the way they look or what they are wearing? Do I find my own self-worth and self-identity by the clothes I wear or the way I look?
- ▶ Jesus, help me to look past the outside of others. Help me not to judge them by how they look or what they wear. Help me to find my worth and identity in you.



The Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross.

- ▶ When they came to the place that is called the Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.”

Luke 23: 33-34



Reflection:

- ▶ In reflection, I am angered by the soldiers. I can't understand why they are doing this to you and yet what is hardest to realize is that not that am I in the crowd watching all of this. How times has my sin become a strike of the nail into your body? How often do I turn away from your mercy?
- ▶ Jesus, help me to seek your forgiveness and mercy for the times that I sin.



The Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the Cross.

- ▶ At 3 o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice ..'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' .. Then Jesus gave out a loud cry and breathed his last."

Mark 15: 34-37



Reflection:

- ▶ Jesus, help me never forget your love for me. Help me to know that you died for me. Fill me with comfort in knowing that I never suffer anything you don't understand.



The Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

- ▶ Joseph from Arimathea ... asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed the body.”



Reflection:

- ▶ How many times have I lost hope in you? How often have I doubted your ability to be God in my life over all things?
- ▶ Jesus, help me to trust in you. Help me to place all of my hope in you and give me peace in knowing that you are Lord over all things.



The Fourteenth Station: Jesus is placed in the tomb.

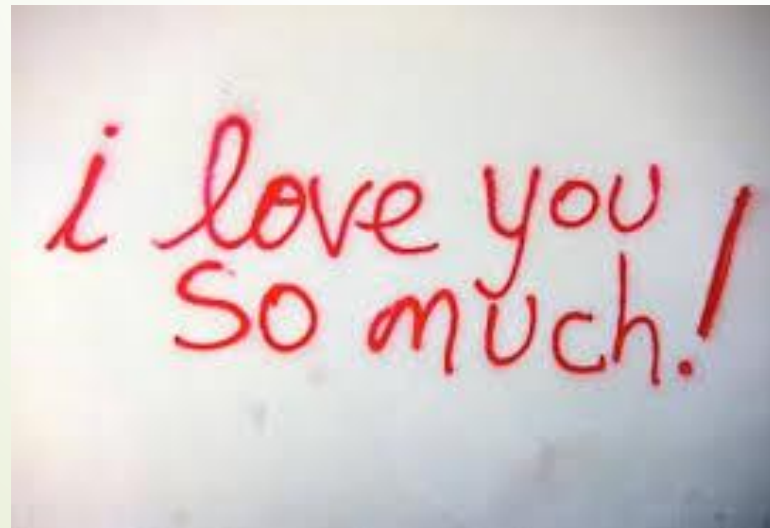
- “ Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.”

Mark 15: 45-47



Reflection:

- ▶ How often do I miss the opportunities to say, "I love you" to those special people in my life? Do my family and friends know how I feel about them?
- ▶ Jesus, help me always remember that death is not the end. Give me the strength to say the words, 'I love you' to those people in my life that I love. Help me to love every person not just in words but also with my actions.



➔ **Jesus, I love you, I need you, and I trust you.
Amen.**



On Easter Sunday

- ▶ “He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again. ”



Luke 24: 6-7



Reflection

- ▶ We remember your suffering, your pain and acceptance to carry out the will of God, your Father.
- ▶ Through your actions we live in hope that we too can carry out our own personal mission. This coming week let us reflect over these events and rejoice that rising from the dead – you showed us the way to eternal life.