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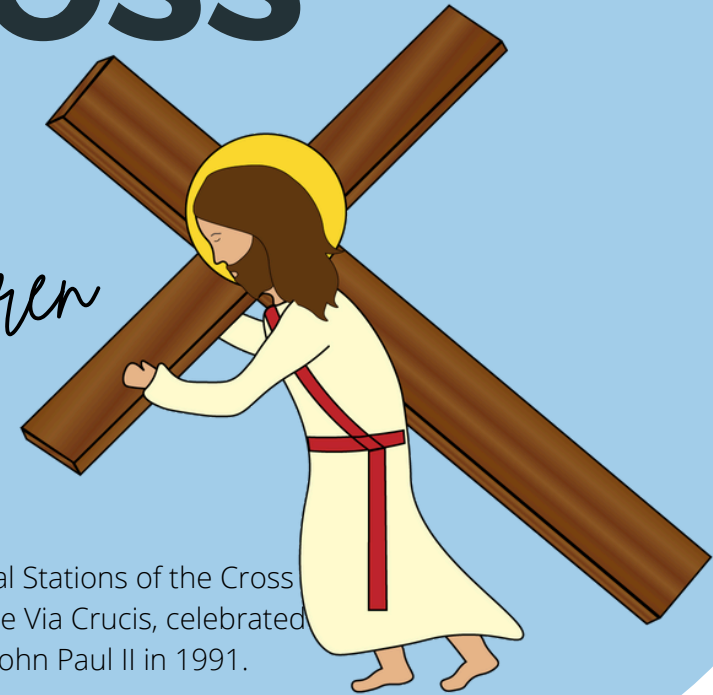
For Easter Sunday

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STATIONS of the CROSS

*With
Children*



These scriptural Stations of the Cross
are based on the Via Crucis, celebrated
by St Pope John Paul II in 1991.

The text used in this adaptation is based
on the Contemporary English Version of
the bible as used in the Lectionary of
Masses for Children.

*To pray these Stations of the Cross you will need: fourteen candles (LED candles
are a good option for very small children), matches, a candle snuffer and a
cross. Together with your children, create a special prayer space with the cross
and the fourteen candles. Light all of the candles and begin. (For older children,
the scripture references are listed and may be read with each reflection.)*

Introduction

Light all fourteen of the candles and begin.

Leader: Good Friday is the day we remember when Jesus died on the Cross and how much he loves us! To help us remember, we are going to pray a special prayer called the Stations of the Cross.

Make the Sign of the Cross

Leader: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Stations of the Cross

Leader: The first station (*Matt. 26:36-46*). We remember when Jesus prayed in the garden called Gethsemane because he was so sad. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the first candle*).

Leader: The second station (*John 18:1-9*). We remember when Jesus was betrayed by his friend Judas. Judas told the soldiers where to find Jesus, so they went to that place and arrested him. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the second candle*).

Leader: The third station (*Luke 22:66-71*). We remember when Jesus was condemned by the leaders in the Sanhedrin. They were very angry when Jesus told them, 'yes, I am the Messiah, the one who will save everyone.' (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the third candle*).

Leader: The fourth station (*Matt 26:69-75*). We remember when Peter was afraid. He said that he was not Jesus' friend. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the fourth candle*).

Leader: The fifth station (*Mark 15:1-5*). We remember when Jesus was brought to the Roman leader Pilate to be questioned. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the fifth candle*).

Leader: The sixth station (*John 19:1-5*). We remember when Jesus was whipped and had the crown of thorns put on his head. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the sixth candle*).

Leader: The seventh station (*John 19:16-17*). We remember when Jesus took up the heavy cross and carried it to the place called Golgotha. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the seventh candle*).

Leader: The eighth station (*Mark 15:21*). We remember when Simon from Cyrene helped Jesus carry the heavy cross. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the eighth candle*).

Leader: The ninth station (*Luke 23:27-31*). We remember when Jesus stopped to comfort the women who were sad and crying. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the ninth candle*).

Leader: The tenth station (*Mark 15:22-32*). We remember when the soldiers took Jesus' clothes, they put him on the cross and mocked him. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the tenth candle*).

Leader: The eleventh station (*Luke 23:39-43*). We remember when the thief, who was on the cross next to Jesus, was sorry for all he'd done wrong. We remember how Jesus forgave him and said 'I promise that today, you will be with me in heaven'. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the eleventh candle*).

Leader: The twelfth station (*John 19:25-27*). We remember when Jesus asked John to care for his mother Mary. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the twelfth candle*).

Leader: The thirteenth station (*Matt 27:45-54, John 19:30*). We remember when the sky stayed dark for three hours, then the earth shook and Jesus died on the cross. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the thirteenth candle*).

Leader: The fourteenth station (*Matt 27:57-61*). We remember when they took Jesus body down from the cross. They wrapped him in cloth, laid him in a new tomb and rolled a big stone to block the door. (*All pray quietly*)

All: Jesus, we remember your amazing love. (*Snuff out the fourteenth candle*).

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Make the Sign of the Cross

Leader: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.