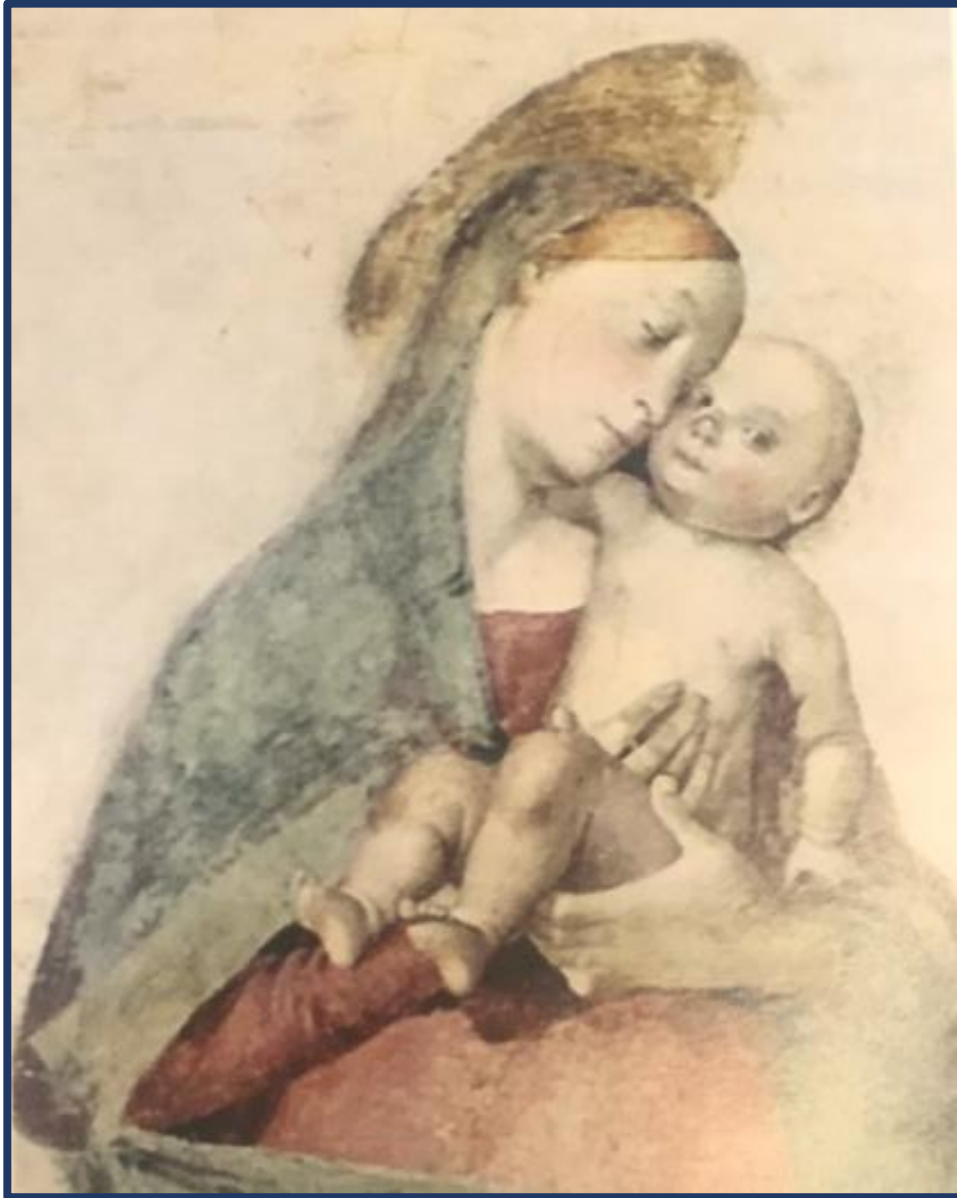


The Way of the Cross with Mary



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

First station: Jesus is condemned to death

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

While I was praying, Jesus presented himself to me, when he was praying in the garden and in the most important mysteries of his Passion. The most holy Virgin was there, letting me know what I had to do. In this first mystery, she told me to make an act of humility by placing my will into the hands of God; and at that moment, my soul was participating in the fruit of that most precious blood (Diary of Saint Veronica III, 460).

Petitions

Let us repeat together: Give us, O Lord, Mary's view

Because we learn to look at the beautiful things in life and to give thanks to you

R. Give us, O Lord, Mary's view

Because we learn how to place our will into your hands

R. Give us, O Lord, Mary's view

Because we may know the preciousness of your blood poured out for us

R. Give us, O Lord, Mary's view

Together: **Your desolate heart was in that hour transfixed by the most cruel agony.**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted in my heart**

Second station: Jesus takes up his cross

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

Today, I had a certain penetration into the depths of the grieving heart of the Virgin Mary, while she was experiencing in herself the same pain of her Son. Jesus suffered everything at the hands of the enemies, She was suffering with love and pain. The love, with which the Son was afflicted, was communicated to his Mother, who, with love and pain, was all at peace in the Eternal Father's will (D III, 373)

Petitions

Let us repeat together:

Help us, O Lord, through Mary

In our loneliness and affliction

Help us, O Lord, through Mary

That we may carry the cross every day after Jesus Help us, O Lord, through Mary

That we never complain, remaining calm even in trials

Help us, O Lord, through Mary

Together: **How sad, how heartbroken you felt, O holy Mother of the divine Savior**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted in my heart**

Third station: Jesus falls the first time

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

Suddenly, recollection came to me again, with the vision of the most holy Mary. She embraced me lovingly and said to me: *Daughter, my Son loves you so much, and what are you thinking? Correspond with equal love.* Here I had the grace of that transformation in God, who is a total work of love, which cannot be described. Those who want to understand it, cannot understand it; we simply feel God's actions. This love imprints itself in the soul, it works, it acts suddenly, but you cannot tell with words (D III, 896).

Petitions

Let us repeat together:

Through the intercession of Mary, forgive us, Lord

For our daily faults and for our coldness in responding to your love

Through the intercession of Mary, forgive us, Lord

For our ingratitude and infidelity

Through the intercession of Mary, forgive us, Lord

For our lack of faith and charity

Through the intercession of Mary, forgive us, Lord

Together: **With what agony you cried, while trembling you saw your Son in pain**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted in my heart**

Fourth station: Jesus meets his Mother

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

Here a little recollection came to me, in which The Lord showed himself with a heavy cross on his shoulder and crowned with thorns. So he said to me: *My beloved, on the journey I made to Calvary with the cross, there was such a great pain, but I felt much more the internal pain in the encounter I had with my most holy Mother. More torment was given to me by that continuous sight, which men and women would not have learned from these bitter excessive pains of mine (D I, 293)*

Petitions

Let us repeat together:

Thank you, Lord

For having given us your most holy Mother and entrusted her with the great power of intercession with you

Thank you, Lord

For her sufferings through the Calvary and at the foot of the cross

Thank you, Lord

For her maternal love and for the graces, which you give to us through her

Thank you, Lord

Together: **If I had been next to you, maybe you would not have wept. Now, I too cry with you**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted
In my heart**

Fifth station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

Turning to the Blessed Virgin, I begged her to teach what I could do to be completely in Jesus. She made me understand to lose sight of myself altogether, if I wanted to be perfectly one with the divine Lover. She promised to help me in this task in everything and for everything. Here I had a particular light: I understood my helplessness and the power of God, his love (D I, 863).

Petitions

Let us repeat together: **Free us, O Lord, through the intercession of Mary**

From the pride, which makes us believe that we can do without you

Free us, O Lord, through the intercession of Mary

From the fear to believe that we are all alone and without help

Free us, O Lord, through the intercession of Mary

From hatred, violence, and war

Free us, O Lord, through the intercession of Mary

Together: **After having contemplated you, with your grieving Son, I feel much pain in my heart**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted In my heart**

Sixth station: Veronica wipes Jesus' face

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you
Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Here I had so much to think about; and this heart was consumed with the pains of so much ingratitude and sins committed. Considering then, with what love God had worked and suffered to redeem this soul – what He did for all souls, He did for each one -, I was saying to myself: *Veronica, now is the right time to give all of yourself to God; no more sins, no more ingratitude; new life;* and turned to the most holy Mother, I said: *Most Holy Virgin, help me! I want you as my Mother (D IV, 141).*

Petitions

Let us repeat together:

Teach us, Lord, through Mary

To follow you along the road of life

Teach us, Lord, through Mary

To thank you for what you did for us

Teach us, Lord, through Mary

To forgive one another as you forgive us continuously

Teach us, Lord, through Mary

Together: **Holy Virgin, you have counted all the blows of sin in Jesus' wounds**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted
In my heart**

Seventh station: Jesus falls the third time

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

The most holy Mary is conformable to the will of her most holy Son; what the Son did for our souls, so did his Mother as well; she was partner in our redemption. I always felt that she was merciful and lovable mother (D Iv, 16).

Petitions

Let us repeat together: **Lead us, Lord, with the powerful help of Mary**

When we do not recognize our faults and we judge others

Lead us, Lord, with the powerful help of Mary

When we close ourselves in and we do not let the grace come in

Lead us, Lord, with the powerful help of Mary.

When we are not humble and charitable toward our neediest sisters and brothers

Lead us, Lord, with the powerful help of Mary

Together: **And you saw your son so afflicted, so alone, giving his last breath**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted
In my heart**

Eighth station: Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you
Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

The most holy Mary, turning to her Son Jesus, said to me: *Daughter, from all this learn humility, charity, and obedience until the last breath of life.* Jesus and Mary also competed in teaching me and making me understand the true way of loving. The true virtues enable us to receive and hold on to the love of God. God is jealous; He wants us to be detached from everything. He alone wants to dominate, to reign, and to possess this soul (D III, 913).

Petitions

Let us repeat together: **Assist us, Lord, with the special protection of Mary**

In the ups and downs of life, so that we always look for faith and hope
 Assist us, Lord, with the special protection of Mary

On the path of unity among peoples, among ethnic groups, among the different religions
 Assist us, Lord, with the special protection of Mary

In the moments of pain and illness, and in the last instant before the final encounter with you
 Assist us, Lord, with the special protection of Mary

Together: **Sweet Mother of love, let me feel your great pain in me as well**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wound of the Lord are imprinted in my heart**
 Ninth station: Jesus falls the third time

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you
Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

I, then, received in my soul a taste of divine love, which strengthened me in such a way, that I feel entirely and in everything conformable with the divine will of God. Turning to the most holy Mary, I thought I was saying: *I fear myself, but I trust you.* Mary, then, offered herself for our redemption. And here, I understood through love, that I had to offer myself for the whole world, for the conversion of souls, and I said: *My most holy Mother, here I am ready for everything with your help* (D III, 962)

Petitions

Let us repeat together: We trust in you, **Lord, and in your most holy Mother**

Whenever we sin, we move away from you

We trust in you, Lord, and in your most holy Mother

Whenever we get discouraged by our limitations and weaknesses

We trust in you, Lord, and in your most holy Mother

Whenever we lose our way that leads to you

We trust in you, Lord, and in your most holy Mother

Together: **Let you maternal affection for your blessed Son move me and inflame my heart**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted
In my heart**

Tenth station: Jesus is stripped of his garments

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

Daughter, I will let you know and experience the favor and grace that this holy habit is for you. As my most holy Son did you the favor of giving you the marks of his stigmata, so I gave you my pains, and now I give you the holy habit of pain. She, then, renewed all the graces in an instant, made me understand that the suffering will be frequent and doubled, and she confirmed everything for me with positive determination, with constancy, and with a perpetual renunciation of free will (D IV, 253).

Petitions

Let us repeat together: **Lord, clothe me with your life as you did with Mary**

That we free ourselves from everything that weighs us down and from the sin that gets in our way

Lord, clothe me with your life as you did with Mary

That we learn how to overcome the temptations with the strength of your Word

Lord, clothe me with your life as you did with Mary

That we may truly be in your image: humble, simple, and pure

Lord, clothe me with your life as you did with Mary

Together: **The wounds that sin on your body have caused, are imprinted, O Mother, in me**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted
In my heart**

Eleventh station: Jesus is crucified

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

Between 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM, it seemed to me that, by way of communication, I shared a little of that pain which the most holy Mother had in her heart, when she was under the cross. Mary's heart participated in the complete pain of Jesus' heart. Both of them were united in suffering and in loving; and this love was communicated to my soul. I felt it because I had more light over my faults, and, in my confession, I had a special feeling of contrition and pain (D III, 352)

Petitions

Let us repeat together: **Jesus, teach us with Mary how to cherish our suffering**

When we are tempted by despair

Jesus, teach us with Mary how to cherish our suffering

When anguish closes our heart

Jesus, teach us with Mary how to cherish our suffering

When we feel the burden of our inadequacy

Jesus, teach us with Mary how to cherish our suffering

Together: **Of your Son here pierced to pay for my crime I share every pain**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted
In my heart**

Twelfth station: Jesus dies on the cross

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

It seems to me that I also had in my heart the pain the most holy Mary suffering under the cross. I cannot, then, tell many other things that have been in the depths of the soul, that is, the communications of intimacy of what passes between the heart of the Son and that of the Mother. These two hearts spoke to each other and were united to suffer, uniformly, for the whole human race. This soul of mine was learning the way of pure suffering, and it seems that I was stripped of everything, and completely ready to do God's will (D II, 866).

Petitions

Let us repeat together: **Hear us, Lord, through the intercession of Mary**

That we may accept to continue Christ's Passion in our body

Hear us, Lord, through the intercession of Mary

That we may accept humiliations without complaint

Hear us, Lord, through the intercession of Mary

That with the help of faith, we can overcome our daily small deaths

Hear us, Lord, through the intercession of Mary

Together: **For the extreme pains of the Crucified, O Mother, I want to cry with you**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted in my heart**

Thirteenth station: The Most Holy Mary at the foot of the cross

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

Turning to my dear Mother, she placed her Son before me and said to Him: *Veronica is your spouse and says that she does not want anything else, except your will.* Mary offered herself to Jesus, showed Him her sorrowful heart, and offered it for me, and prayed to Him. I was all shaking; I was only happy to see that divine face loving me. Suddenly, however, I thought I saw streams of blood flowing from his wounds. That blood bathed my soul, like a new baptism; and I understood that I would participate in all this, each time with the sacrament of Penance; and that for the future, I would give more importance to this sacrament (D III, 462-463).

Petitions

Let us repeat together: **Lord, help us to be humble like Mary**

That we may confess without fear our sins, certain of your forgiveness

Lord, help us to be humble like Mary

That we may see ourselves as sinners, needing your mercy

Lord, help us to be humble like Mary

That we approach the sacrament of Penance as a way of reconciliation with you

Lord, help us to be humble like Mary

Together: **With the love of a child, I want to make your condolences mine, to remain beside you**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted in my heart**

Fourteenth station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because of your holy cross, you have redeemed the world

Mary said to me: *In the world there is nothing but ambition and interest, and so it is in Religions. Pride and honor are sought, worldly honors, and not the glory and honor of God. Daughter, I made you understand these things, so that they be for you a rule to be detached and stripped of everything. Live always in humility with God, with the creatures, and with yourself, learn from me and from my most holy Son, be always with me and I will guide you, help you, and I will do everything for you. (D IV, 356).*

Petitions

Let us repeat together: **Through the hands of Mary, thank you, Lord Jesus**

For freeing us from sin and death **Through the hands of Mary, thank you, Lord Jesus**

For making us partakers of your resurrection **Through the hands of Mary, thank you, Lord Jesus**

That you may remain with us every day until the end of the world

Through the hands of Mary, thank you, Lord Jesus

Together: **O loving Mother, O good Jesus, we ask you for the great gift of eternal glory in heaven**

Together: **Holy Mother, please do, that the wounds of the Lord are imprinted in my heart**

Totus Tuus (Totally yours)

The holy Virgin is the way which our Lord used to come to us and she is also the way which we use to go to Him. Therefore, we establish a strong devotion to the most blessed Virgin. This devotion is the means to know more perfectly our relationship with Jesus, this is an easy way to find Jesus Christ. If the devotion to the most holy Virgin will keep us away from Jesus Christ, it should be rejected as a diabolical illusion. But it is exactly the opposite: this devotion is necessary to go to Jesus more adequately, to love him tenderly, and to serve him faithfully.

St. Louis Maria Grignon of Monfort, Treatise of true devotion to Mary

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Love him tenderly

Serve him faithfully

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