

## FIRST STATION

# Jesus is Condemned to Death



### ***WE PRAY***

***We adore you, O Christ,  
and we praise you.  
Because by your holy Cross  
you have redeemed the world.***

### **SCRIPTURE**

*Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, "I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern".*

*(Mt 27: 24)*

### **REFLECTION**

Have we ever washed our hands as often as in these pandemic days? Every time we touch something which could have been infected by another's touch, we wash and wash again. Pilate washes his hands as a gesture of dismissal and denial – that he wants nothing more to do with Jesus, that he bears no responsibility for all that will follow. But we bear responsibility by washing our hands out of love and concern for others. But maybe, just maybe, we haven't always been as vigilant as we could or should be and perhaps, we too share some of Pilate's guilt.

### ***WE PRAY***

***Our Father....  
Hail Mary....  
Glory be....***

## SECOND STATION

# Jesus Carries His Cross



### **WE PRAY**

*We adore you, O Christ,  
and we praise you.  
Because by your holy Cross  
you have redeemed the world.*

### **SCRIPTURE**

*At that Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.  
They then took charge of Jesus, and carrying his own cross  
he went out to the Place of the Skull, or as it is called in  
Hebrew, Golgotha.*

*(Jn 19: 16-17)*

### **REFLECTION**

Jesus the carpenter, who knows how to craft wood and reveal its inner beauty, receives a rough, splintered trunk of wood, hacked and hewn without any craft or care. The virus too has no concern for its victims – it spreads voraciously at every opportunity, just like our human greed and sin, which is the true burden which Jesus takes upon his shoulders. So many doctors, nurses, medical professionals and members of the emergency services are willingly risking their lives to save others at this time – this is a heroic path to walk. It is the path which Jesus walks for us. Will we walk this path with Jesus?

### **WE PRAY**

*Our Father....  
Hail Mary....  
Glory be....*

## THIRD STATION

# Jesus Falls the First Time



### **WE PRAY**

***We adore you, O Christ,  
and we praise you.  
Because by your holy Cross  
you have redeemed the world.***

### **SCRIPTURE**

*Jesus replied to them: “Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. In all truth I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

*(Jn 12: 23-24)*

### **REFLECTION**

We are on our knees – pushed to limits most of us have never experienced before. Families, health-care systems and economies – all stretched to breaking point. We are naturally afraid of being weak and vulnerable. We like to be in control, to be comfortable and secure. But Jesus shows us that there is grace in weakness, that we only really open ourselves up to the sufferings of others when we experience our own vulnerability and the closeness of death. The only way to raise up others is for ourselves to fall beside them. Perhaps for too long too many of us have been passive bystanders in the crowd, watching at a distance the suffering, the daily struggle for survival of so many in our world without ever really being touched by their pain or moved into action. But now we are all united in this danger, there is no more “them and us”. The virus has brought us all to our knees.

### **WE PRAY**

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Hail Mary....  
Glory be....***