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DEDICATED TO THE WOUNDED JESUS.

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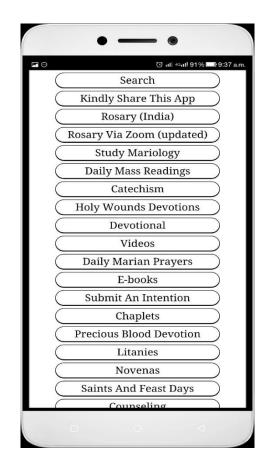
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OPENING PRAYER

Wounded Jesus, we come before You to reflect and medidate on Your sorrowful passion which You endured for our sake and well-being. We thank You for your great love and sacrifice; the price of our redemption, salvation and peace. We adore You and praise You, wounded master and our God for the great love You have for us, which made You to give all Yourself for our sake. In return, through this stations of the cross, we give ourselves totally without reserve to You, renouncing the devil and all that has to do with him. We unite ourselves intimatly to You; Your holy wounds, passion and precious blood. We humbly ask You to make us more like You, and to make us long for You all the days of our lives. Take us as Your own and never let us depart from You for any reason. Lord Jesus, journey with us as we pray and mediate on Your sorrowful passion. Impact, deliver us, equip us and take us deeper into the deepest depth of intimacy with You. Amen.

Make of us good and fertile soil, for the reception of the seed of Your grace, and make it yield worthy fruits of penance, so that with Your help we may merit to live eternally in Your glory, who are blessed throughout all ages. Amen.



First Station: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. . . . The high priest rose and addressed him, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?" They said in reply, "He deserves to die!" Matthew 26:59-60, 62-66

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Second Station: JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Once more Pilate went out and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him." . . . But the Jews cried out, "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." . . . And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!" They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.

John 19:4, 12, 14–17



Third Station: JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Deliver me, LORD, from the wicked; preserve me from the violent, From those who plan evil in their hearts, who stir up conflicts every day, Who sharpen their tongues like serpents, venom of asps upon their lips. Keep me, LORD, from the clutches of the wicked; preserve me from the violent, who plot to trip me up. The arrogant have set a trap for me; villains have spread a net, laid snares for me by the wayside.

I say to the LORD: You are my God; listen, LORD, to the words of my prayer. Psalm 140:2–7



Fourth Station: JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Luke 2:34–35



Fifth Station: SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS TO CARRY HIS CROSS

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha (which is translated Place of the Skull). Mark 15:20–22



Sixth Station: VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Then the righteous will answer him and say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:37–40.



Seventh Station: JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity,

One of those from whom men hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured,

While we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins, upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all. Isaiah 53:3–6

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Eighth Station: JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" Luke 23:27–31.



Ninth Station: JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you.

R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

I lie prostrate in the dust; give me life in accord with your word. I disclosed my ways and you answered me; teach me your laws.

Make me understand the way of your precepts; I will ponder your wondrous deeds. I weep in bitter pain; in accord with your word to strengthen me. Though the arrogant utterly scorn me, I do not turn from your teaching. Though the snares of the wicked surround me, your teaching I do not forget. The arrogant smear me with lies, but I observe your precepts with all my heart. The arrogant have dug pits for me; defying your teaching. All your commands are steadfast. Help me! I am pursued without cause. They have almost ended my life on earth, but I do not forsake your precepts. In your kindness give me life, to keep the decrees you have spoken. Psalm 119:25–28, 51, 61, 69, 85–88.



Tenth Station: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS CLOTHES

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside." For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:18–19, 22–25, 27-31



Eleventh Station: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why so far from my call for help, from my cries of anguish? In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted and you rescued them.

To you they cried out and they escaped; in you they trusted and were not disappointed. All who see me mock me; they curl their lips and jeer; they shake their heads at me: "You relied on the LORD—let him deliver you; if he loves you, let him rescue you." They stare at me and gloat; they divide my garments among them;

for my clothing they cast lots. But you, LORD, do not stay far off; my strength, come quickly to help me. Then I will proclaim your name to the assembly; in the community I will praise you: For God has not spurned or disdained the misery of this poor wretch, did not turn away from me, but heard me when I cried out. All the ends of the earth will worship and turn to the LORD; All the families of nations will bow low before you.

Psalm 22:2, 5–6, 8–9, 18b–20, 23, 25, 28



Twelfth Station: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

Therefore, I will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty, because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; And he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses. Isaiah 53:11b–12.



Thirteenth Station: THE BODY OF JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

V. We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless you. R. Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck. I have sunk into the mire of the deep, where there is no foothold. I have gone down to the watery depths; the flood overwhelms me. I am weary with crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes have failed, looking for my God. More numerous than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause. For your sake I bear insult, shame covers my face. Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak; I looked for compassion, but there was none, for comforters, but found none. Instead they put gall in my food; for my thirst they gave me vinegar. But I am afflicted and in pain; let your saving help protect me, God, That I may praise God's name in song and glorify it with thanksgiving. Psalm 69:2–5, 8, 21–22, 30–31.



Fourteenth Station: JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

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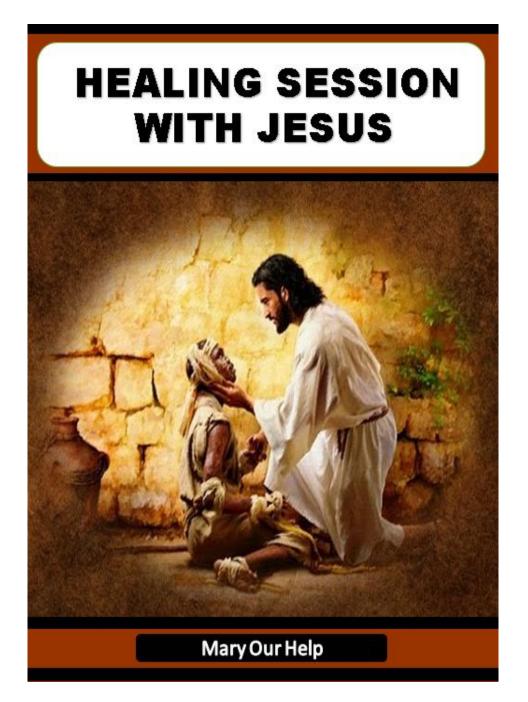
I praise you, LORD, for you raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD, my God, I cried out to you and you healed me. LORD, you brought me up from Sheol; you kept me from going down to the pit. Sing praise to the LORD, you faithful; give thanks to God's holy name. For divine anger lasts but a moment; divine favor lasts a lifetime. At dusk weeping comes for the night; but at dawn there is rejoicing. Psalm 30:2–6.

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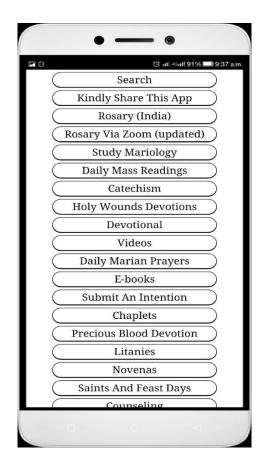
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