



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MISSIONAL PRAYER GUIDE



INTRODUCTION: Going to the stations of the cross is a moment to remember what Jesus experienced for us. The pain that he endured so that we may be washed clean. As you embark in this practice may each station help stir your affection for what God has done for you. For this prayer guide, we focus on missions because God's heart has always been turned outwards. Jesus' life, death and resurrection show that the love of God is sacrificial. To love like Him is to bring aid and share hope with others.

Although we do not pray to the icons in these displays, we agree that symbolism can help us contemplate all that has been done for us. **As you approach each station, engage with the written prayers and lift up each of our mission partners highlighted below**

Opening Prayer: O Lord Jesus, You paid the price — suffering for the redemption of all humankind and You won the victory. We shall walk with You, O Jesus to those high places of pain, for there is much in our own lives and in our communities that cries out for redemption. And so, we pray... Forgive us O Lord.

The First Station: Jesus Is Condemned to Death

O Lord, how many times in life have we been guilty of unjustly condemning each other and blaming those who suffer for their suffering. Forgive us, O Lord!

- **Family Promise** – short-term and transitional housing with case management for families experiencing homelessness
- **The Table Irving** – housing services, supportive community and wraparound services for individuals seeking stability
- **Many Helping Hands** – day center providing meals, laundry, showers and case management for those experiencing homelessness in Irving

The Second Station: Jesus Carries His Cross

O Lord, there are many people who are carrying crosses. Strengthen us to help carry the load by sharing what we have. Help us to share Your name through action with those who feel abandoned.

- **Serve Hope International in Siguatepeque, Honduras** - empowers individuals to follow Jesus and provides them with the skills to pursue their passions. Originally starting as a coffee shop in Siguatepeque, Honduras, it aimed to foster community while sharing the gospel. Today, national leaders in both Honduras and Guatemala are actively serving their communities through various initiatives, including education, clean water, housing, entrepreneurship, vocational training, and soccer.
- **Targeted Aquaponic Growth in Uganda, Africa** - The Targeted Aquaponic Growth process offers immediate hunger relief to orphanages and children's homes through Integrated Aquaculture. This approach not only provides a sustainable solution but also fosters financial relief.

The Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time

O Lord, whenever we fall or those around us fall down, help us to look up and see the love and mercy Your Son, Jesus provides. Through your strength allow us to get back up and help those around us do the same.

- **Emprende in Latin America** - aims to create enduring economic transformation from within by offering a Biblical framework for business along with resources to support the launch of new enterprises. This initiative is crucial as, despite decades of ongoing charitable efforts, unemployment and poverty levels in Central America remain alarmingly high.
- **Darul Salaam (House of Peace)/ Light of Light Library in East Africa** - Darul Salaam's mission is to empower the community with life-transforming knowledge and skills.

The Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Mother

O Lord, just as our own pain and suffering aches our hearts, seeing those we love experience suffering, grieves us. Help us to reach out and comfort those who are suffering.

- **Kinwest Medical Clinic** - free and charitable clinic providing excellent medical care for those without insurance (located inside Irving Bible Church)
- **Wednesday Nights at IBC** - ESL classes, Job Workshop, Care Closet, Mobile Food Pantry
- **Seasonal events** - Back-to-School event, Thanksgiving bag collection and distribution, referral-based Angel Tree

The Fifth Station: Simone of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry the Cross

O Lord, help us to remember that we are called to help each other on the way, even if it may mean carrying each other on this journey. You did it for us; let us follow Your example and do it for others.

- **AshaKiran Foundation/KDP in South Asia** - committed to spreading the love of Christ to unreached people groups in South Asia.
- **Harvest Metanoia in Arad, Romania** - aims to glorify God by making disciples across Romania. Their disciple-making process is clearly defined, measurable, and continuously evaluated, ensuring accountability for every member of their church. In their area, no other ministry applies the truth of Scripture in such a personal and relevant way as they do. Cristian provides training for pastors throughout Eastern Europe.

The Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

O Lord, we marvel at Veronica's compassion in running to You to wipe Your face at the moment of suffering. Help us to act swiftly and reach out to those who are suffering. Help us to recognize and respond with compassion to their pain.

- **Transform DRC in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa** - Their mission is to restore God's creation design in the Democratic Republic of Congo. These values are implemented through its programs, which include women's empowerment, trauma healing, pastoral and leadership training as well as basic law training on human rights.
- **My Refuge House in Cebu, Philippines** - offers safety and a path of restoration for girls who have been rescued from commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking, and sexual abuse.

The sixth station is inspired by a story that has been passed down through tradition. While it is not found in Scripture, it has been preserved because it offers a powerful example of love and compassion that can inspire us today.

The Seventh Station: Jesus Falls the Second Time

O Lord, when the path before us seems to be riddled with obstacles help us find our way. Help us be brave enough to equip others to find their way

- **Dignity Freedom Network in South Asia** - dedicated to honoring the forgotten individuals that society often overlooks. They believe that every life deserves restoration and every person is worth advocating for. At the core of their mission is the protection of vulnerable women, children, and families from exploitation. They strive to help these individuals reclaim their dignity and purpose while restoring freedom and opportunities in their lives. Their approach to transformation involves providing comprehensive care through education, skills training and community development.

The Eighth Station: Jesus Meets the Women

Lord God, even in Your suffering, You acknowledged those who were called low in society. O Lord when we become "caught up in our own lives," help us to remember others and forgive us of our self-centeredness.

- **Level Pathways** - helping teens experiencing homelessness to graduate high school and become productive citizens
- **All Things Made New** - providing mentorship, character development, and life skills training for at-risk youth
- **Academy 4 at Farine Elementary** - mentoring 4th graders one Friday a month in order to build relationships and cultivate leadership skills
- **The Main Place** - providing new and like-new clothing and personal items for teens experiencing homelessness, as well as individuals or families who are in need.

The Ninth Station: Jesus Falls the Third Time

Lord God, on the road to Calvary, You fell down, but You got up. O Lord, when the arm of injustice knocks us down, help us to get back up and strive for everyone's spiritual and physical needs be met.

- **Workers Together for God in Comayagua, Honduras** - a medical, educational, and Bible ministry that aims to share the love of Jesus with the people of Comayagua, Honduras.
- **Radio South Sudan in Republic of South Sudan, Africa** - provides valuable services to the people of South Sudan via radio broadcasting. They collaborate with churches to establish radio stations that promote the gospel, facilitate discussions on conflict resolution, mediation, forgiveness, and reconciliation, and share essential information regarding health services and new initiatives from local governments.

The Tenth Station: Jesus Is Stripped of His Clothes

O Lord, release us from chasing the material trappings of this world and make us humble in nature, desiring basic human rights for everyone, before desiring more for ourselves.

- **Water is Basic in South Sudan** Water is Basic is a nonprofit, dreamt up by church leaders in South Sudan and founded by Irving Bible church, dedicated to ensuring every person in South Sudan has access to clean water by 2030. We believe the water crisis is best solved by those most impacted—women and local communities. Through women-led, locally owned well-repair teams, Water is Basic restores broken wells, equips sustainable cooperatives, and empowers communities to maintain their own water systems long-term. Rather than drilling new wells, the organization focuses on repairing existing ones—faster, more affordable, and more sustainable. Water is Basic is expanding its work by two states every year so all will have clean water by 2030. We're not growing a nonprofit—we're eliminating the need for one.

The Eleventh Station: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

Lord God, as You are nailed to the cross, we pray for everyone to know that their sins have been nailed to the cross and they can accept this gift on this Good Friday.

- **Seek Partners International, Inc. and the North India Institute of Theological Studies in** - Seek Partners International, Inc. is a Christian development and implementation ministry that supports Christian initiatives, enlightens the unreached, and equips church leaders so that the least Christian regions of the world embrace the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. They train Christian leaders through formal and non-formal theological training to strengthen the church in northwest India.

The Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Lord God, "in dying You restored our lives." O Lord, we pray that we live a life committed to you and serving others.

Our Missionaries:

- **Dave and Gloria** - Middle East
- **David and Jeannie** - South Asia
- **Peter and Tatiana** - Undisclosed location
- **Beth Horn** - Austria
- **Bonnie McQuitty** - Austin, TX
- **Jason and Mandy Post** - Ireland
- **S.W.-** Missionary Amongst Hindu People in DFW

The Thirteenth Station: Jesus Is Taken From The Cross

O Lord, love, took You from the cross. We pray that love will move us to remove others from the crosses they bear.

- **Mercy House** - a home for single pregnant women providing comprehensive pregnancy care, life skills education, and Christian discipleship
- **Valiant Hearts** - helping sexually exploited women find dignified employment and healing

Fourteenth Station: Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

O Lord, your friends laid you in the tomb, not knowing what was next. They waited for Your resurrection and we wait for Your return. Thank you for the resurrection life You offer us, here and now, even as we wait. May that life be seen in us as we seek justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

- **LEADLiberia in the Republic of Liberia, Africa** - Lead Liberia's mission is to methodically cultivate a robust network of godly servant leaders through relevant, contextual, and replicable training, aimed at establishing healthy churches. Since 2001, LEADLiberia has provided training to more than 7,400 pastors, equipping them comprehensively to lead Gospel-centered ministries throughout West Africa.

*To learn more about our mission partners and how to be involved go to
<https://www.irvingbible.org/missions>*

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