

Closing Devotions

Christ for us became obedient unto death

Even death on the cross

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life;
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness,
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,
Your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us;
in your love and tenderness, remake us.

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

Silence is kept before the minister says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us now and for evermore.

Let us go in peace, to follow in the steps of our Lord.

The minister departs in silence

Stations of the Cross



A Traditional Devotion

Opening Devotions

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

Amen

○ Lord open our lips

And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

○ God make speed to save us

○ Lord make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit

**As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end,**

Amen

Let us pray

Silence is kept

Father, Creator, we disfigure your world.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Son, Redeemer, we reject your sacrifice and crucify you daily.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, we, too often, choose death.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Other prayers may be used.

We praise you, O Christ, for entering into the life of the world

May we also be signs of your presence as we follow in your way.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Christ Jesus, born of our Mary, you did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but took the form of a servant and suffered death on the cross. Help us to learn from you as we enter into contemplation of your last journey on this earth.

Amen

The Stations

At each of these fourteen stations the prayers below are used.

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus takes up his Cross
3. Jesus falls for the first time.
4. Jesus meets his mother
5. The Cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls a second time
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus falls a third time
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus dies on the Cross
13. The body of Jesus is placed in the arms of his mother
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

At each station

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**Because by your Holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

Reading and meditation, followed by one of:

Holy God,
Holy and Strong,
Holy and Immortal,
Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy