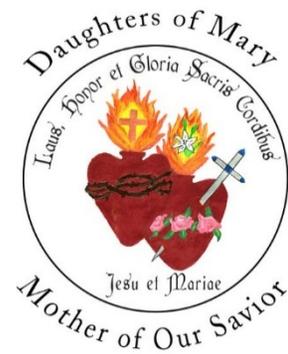
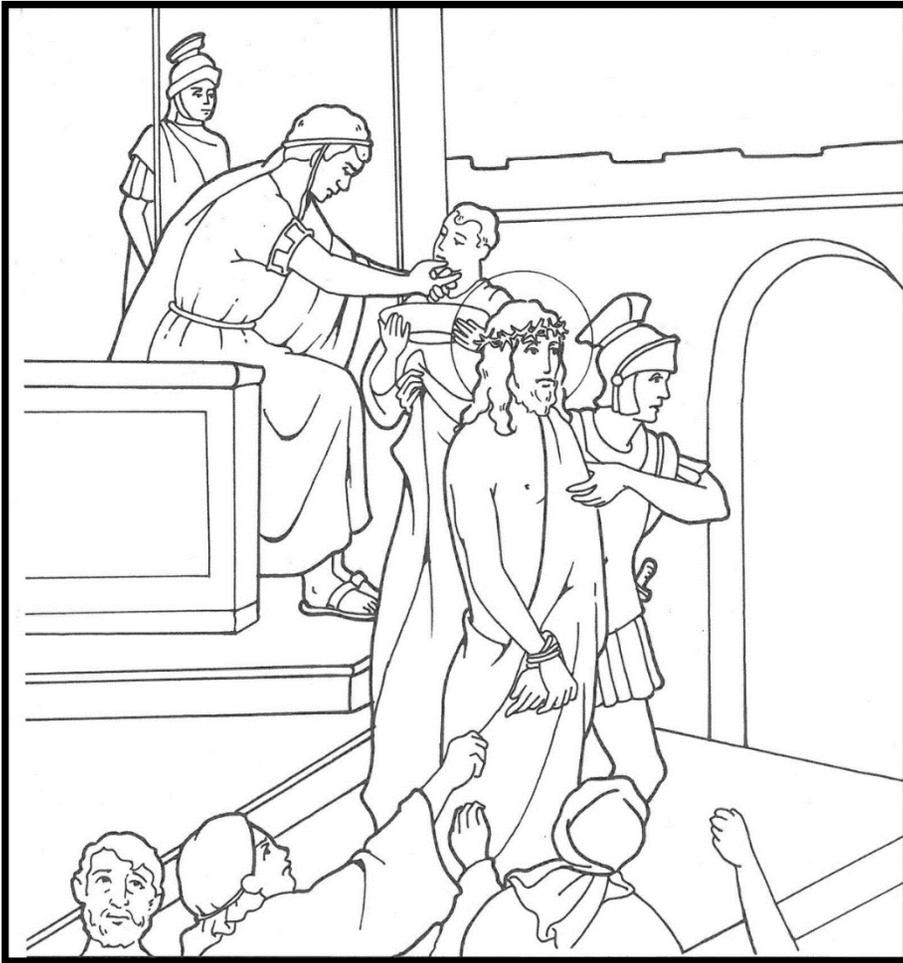


The Way of the Cross



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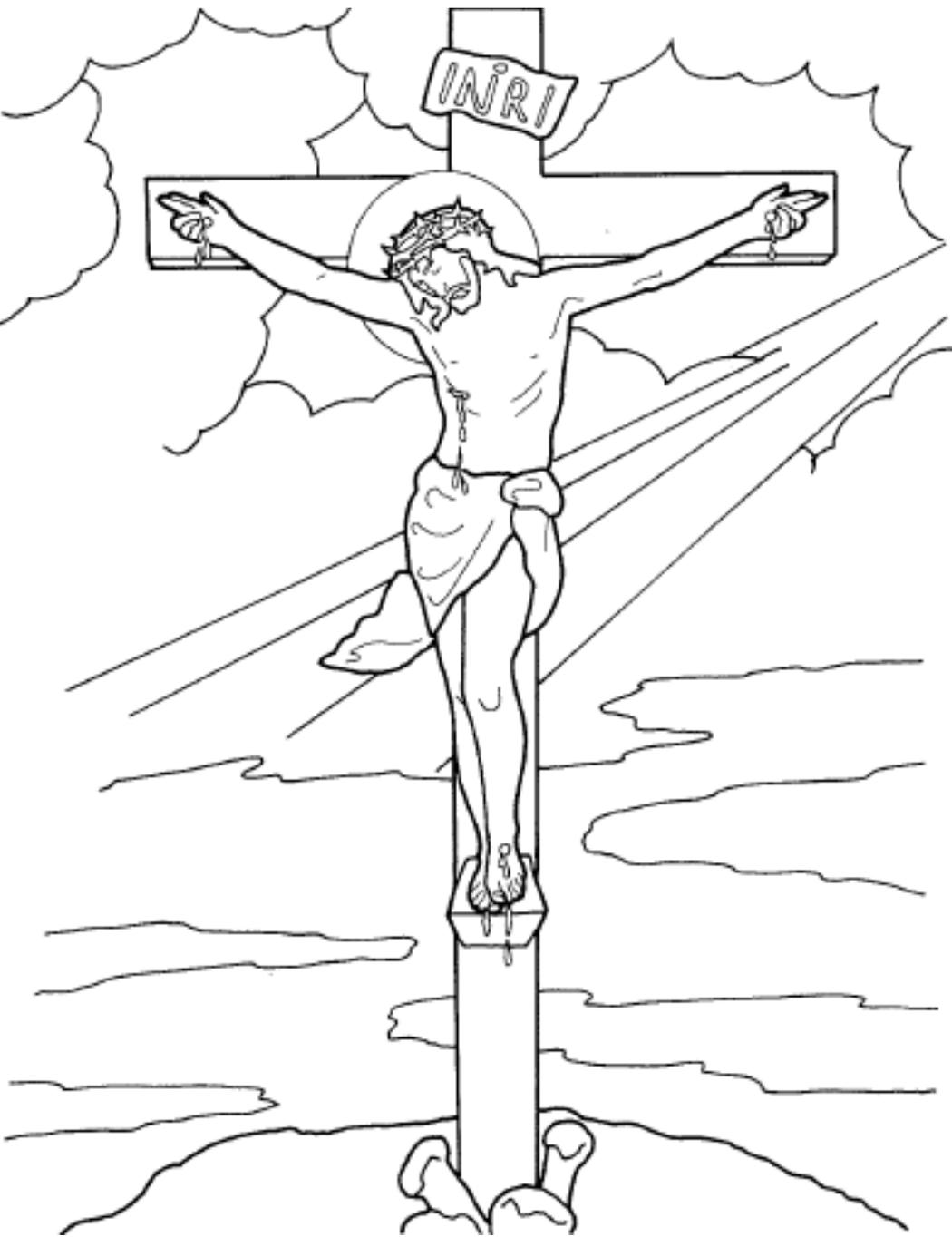
1st Station



Jesus is Condemned to Death

Prayer Before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, * while before Thy face I humbly kneel, * and with the most fervent desire of my soul, * I pray and beseech Thee * to fix deep within my heart * lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, * true contrition for my sins, * and a firm purpose of amendment: * while with deep affection and grief of soul, * I reflect upon and I ponder over * Thy five most precious wounds, * having before me the words which David spoke in prophecy * concerning Thee, my Jesus: * “They have pierced My hands and My feet, * they have numbered all My bones.”



V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

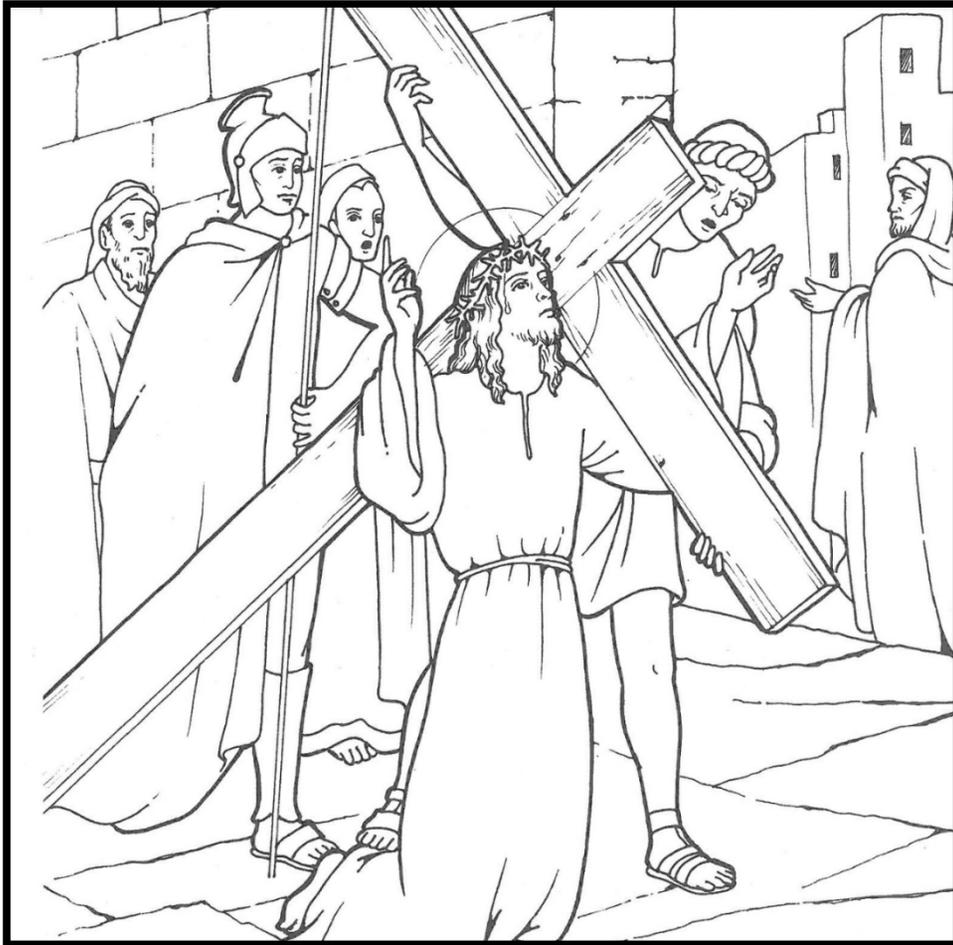
R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, there You stand a prisoner /and wicked men / have said that You must die. / But You have done nothing wrong. / You have spent Your whole life / in doing good to others. / I must always remember / that it was for me You died /so that I could go to Heaven / and be happy with You.

R. Teach me, dear Jesus, / when I am blamed for something, / even if unjustly, / to be silent as You were / because I love You / and want to be like You.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

2nd Station



Jesus Carries His Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, You are all ready to be laid in the tomb. / Your wounds have been washed / and You are wrapped in clean white linen cloths. / You must be buried tonight. / In a garden close by, / which belongs to one of Your friends, / there is a new tomb cut in the rock. / Now, You are being carried there. / Your Blessed Mother looks at You for the last time. / How can she bear to let You go? / But in three days, dear Jesus, You will rise from the dead / all bright and glorious / to go back to Heaven / never to suffer anymore.

R. Teach me, among the joys of earth / always to remember the joys of Heaven. / Help me to love You so much / that, when I die / I shall be happy with You there forever.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

14th Station



Jesus is Placed in the Sepulcher

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V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

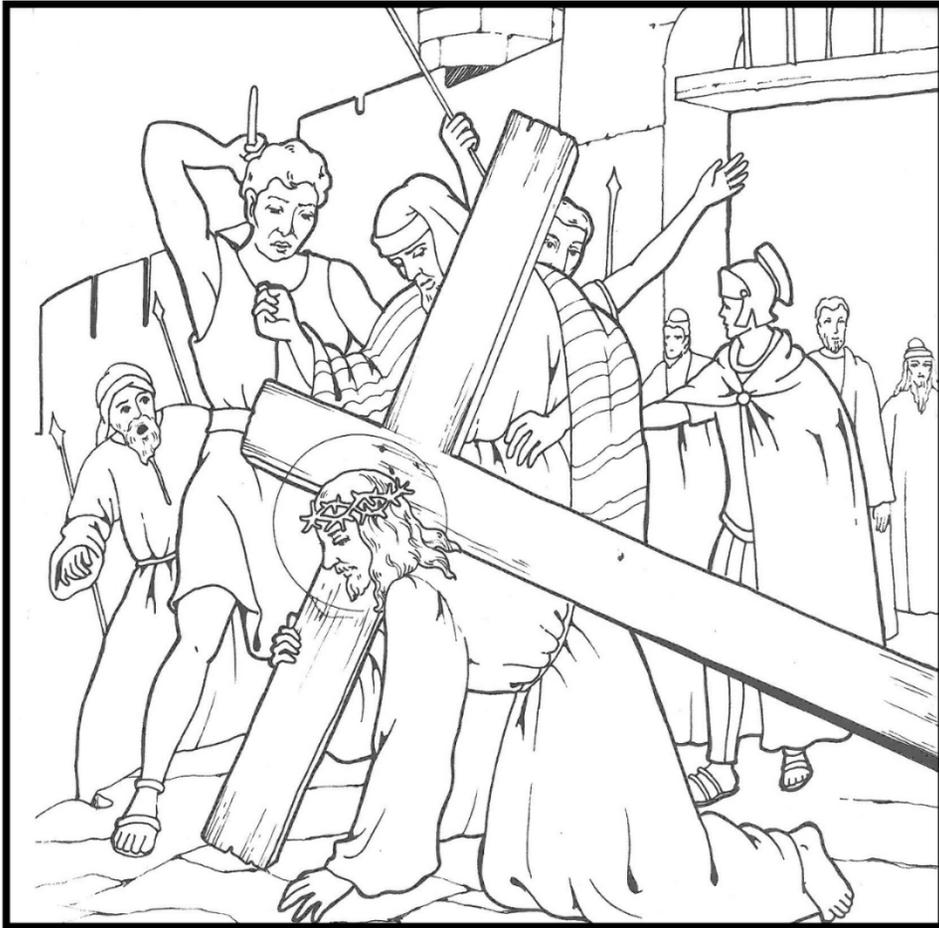
V. Dear Jesus, the Cross which they are laying on Your shoulders is so heavy. / How it must hurt! / And You are all wounded and bleeding. / How will You be able / to carry it up that steep hill?

R. Teach me to remember /that when I sin /it hurts You /even more than the heavy Cross.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

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3rd Station



Jesus Falls the First Time

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, it is very quiet now around the Cross. / Everybody has gone away / but a few soldiers / and Your Mother and Your friends. / Two of Your friends bring a ladder / and oh, so slowly and carefully / they take You down / and lay You in the arms of Your Blessed Mother. / Her heart is breaking / as she looks at the crown of thorns / and the nails / and all Your dreadful wounds.

R. Teach me to comfort Your dear Mother now / by never hurting You with my sins.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

13th Station



Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

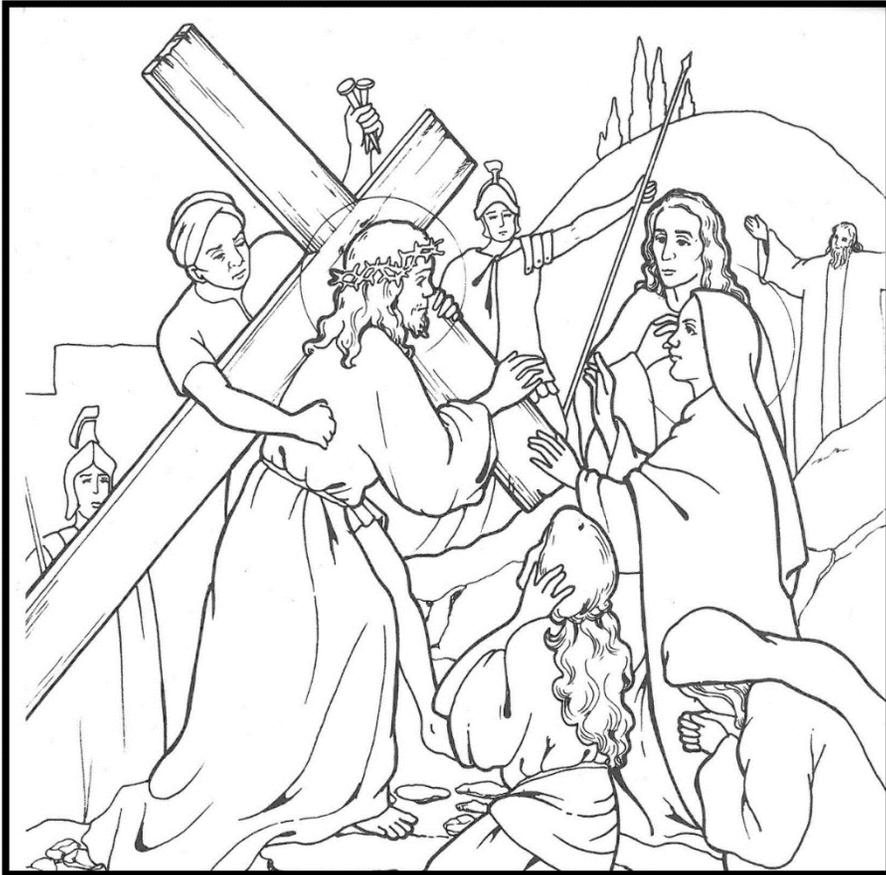
R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, You are so weak and tired / that You can hardly walk / but the soldiers roughly order You / to start on Your journey. / After a few steps / You stumble and fall / but there is no one to help You / or speak to You kindly.

R. How I wish I could have been there / to tell You that I love You / and was so sorry for You.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

4th Station



Jesus Meets His Sorrowful Mother

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

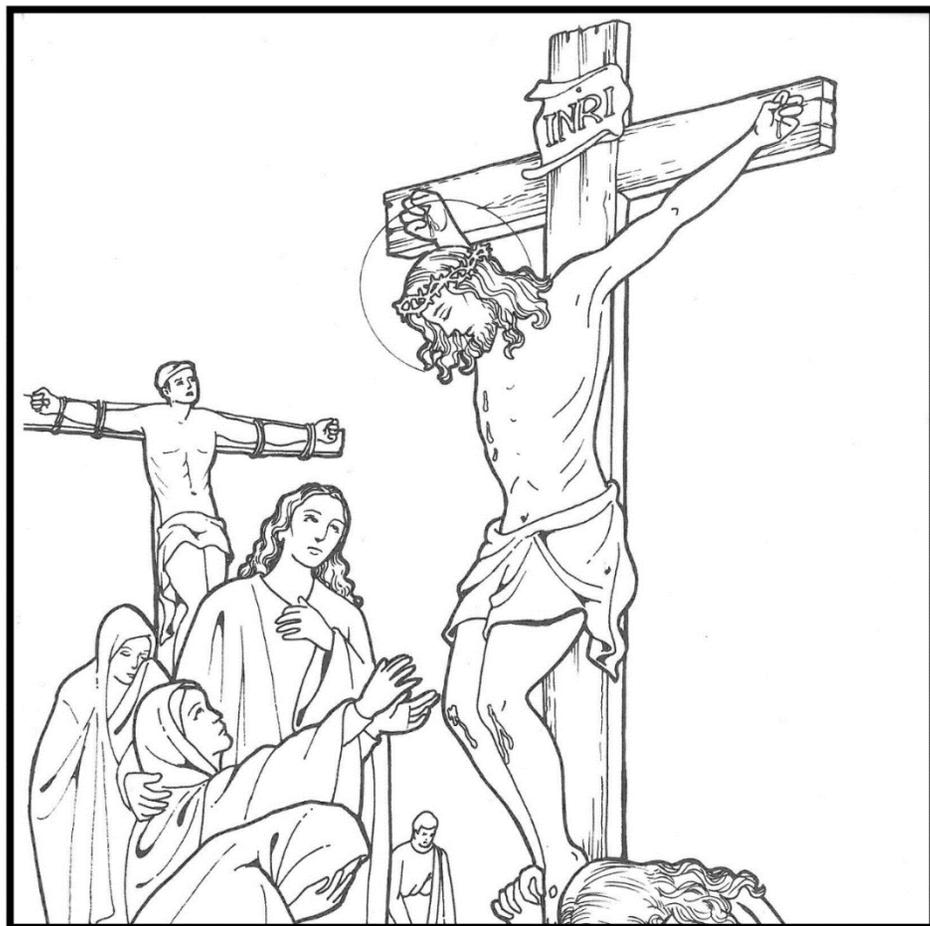
R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, You are hanging on the Cross and dying. / You are dying for me / so that I can be God's child / and go to Heaven. / You are not angry with the wicked men / who killed You. / You have forgiven them / and You asked Your Father to forgive them too. / The people are all going away. / I think some of them are beginning to be sorry. / Your Blessed Mother and Your friends / are standing close by the Cross. / I wish I had been with them. / I would have stayed there / to the very end / to show how much I love You.

R. Teach me always to forgive anyone / who is unkind to me / because You forgave Your murderers / when You hung dying on the Cross.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

12th Station



Jesus Dies on the Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

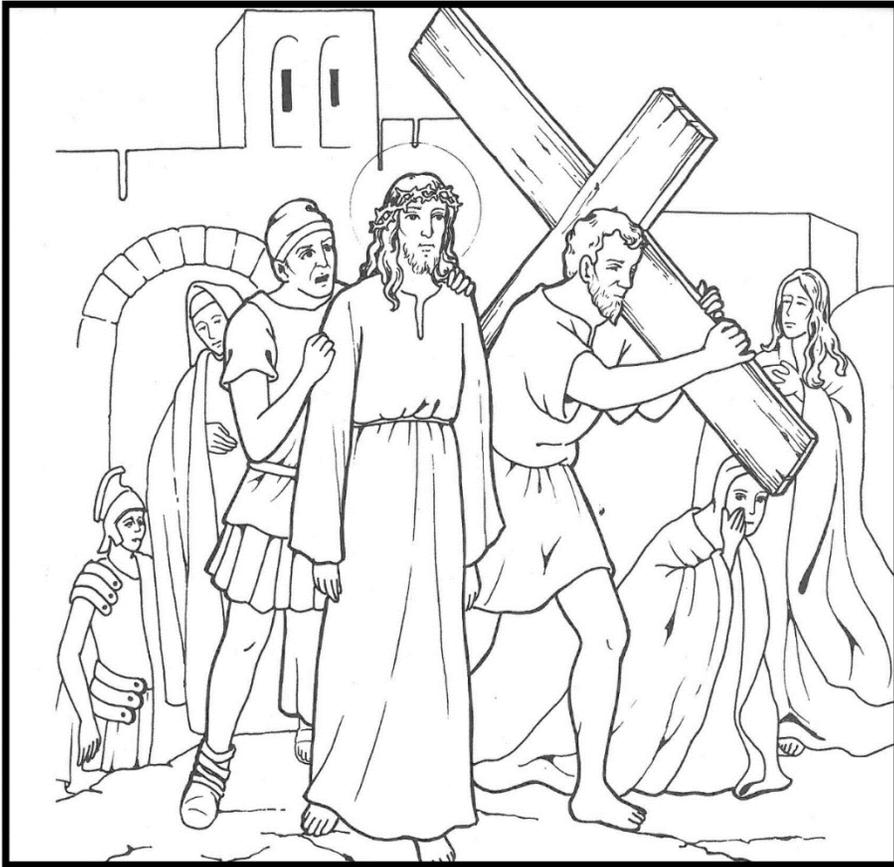
R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, who is this waiting for You, /
standing close to the place / where You must pass?
/ It is Your own Blessed Mother / who loves You
so much. / But how it hurts her / to see You so
cruelly treated. / She wishes they would do all these
things to her / instead of to You. / The soldiers will
not let her say a word. / She can only speak to You
with her eyes as You pass by her.

R. Dear Jesus, teach me to love Your Blessed
Mother very much.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

5th Station



Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus Carry His Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

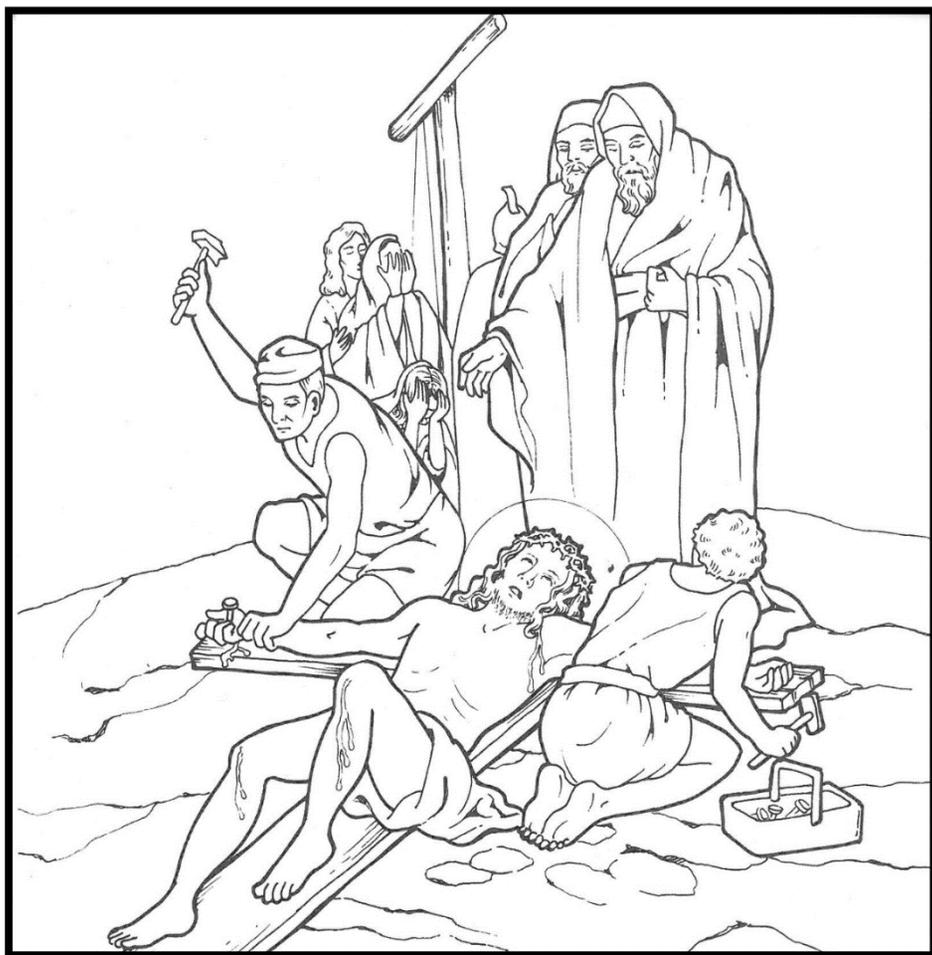
R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, now they are putting big nails through Your hands and feet / to fasten You to the Cross. / It hurts me only to prick my finger with a pin. / How much more those nails must hurt You! / When the executioner tells You / to stretch out Your hand or Your foot / You obey him without saying a word. / And I, / when I am told to do some little, easy thing / how often I disobey!

R. Teach me to be always perfectly obedient / because You were so obedient / when being nailed to the Cross.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

11th Station



Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, You are now so weak / that You cannot carry the Cross alone anymore. / The soldiers make a man named Simon help You with it. I wish I had been Simon / so that I could have helped You.

R. But teach me to remember / that I am helping You even more now / when I show kindness to others / for Your sake.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

6th Station



Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, at last You have reached the top of the hill, / the place where You are to die. / There is a big crowd of people around You. / They are laughing at You / and calling You wicked names. / Your dear Mother and Your friends cannot get near. / The executioner / roughly pulls off all Your garments / and the blood pours down. / It is just as if each one of those cruel wounds / had been given to You a second time. / All the people are looking at You.

R. Teach me to be willing sometimes / to give up little pleasures / and go without things that I want / because You suffered so much for me.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

10th Station



Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

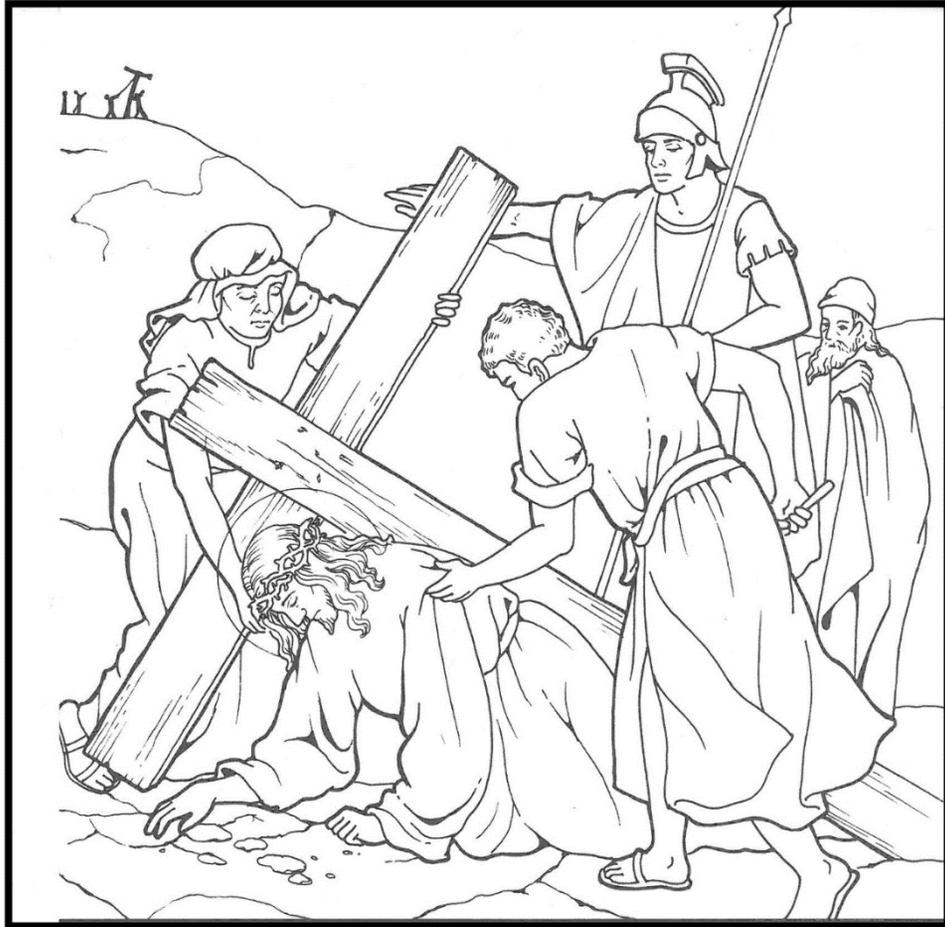
R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, Your face is all covered with dust and blood / and the wicked people have been spitting on it. / The blood is trickling down / from the crown of thorns on Your head / right into Your eyes / as St. Veronica pushes her way through the crowd / and wipes Your face with her veil. / To thank her for being so brave / You leave the picture of Your face / there on the veil.

R. Teach me to remember / that I must never be afraid / to say I belong to You and am Your child.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

7th Station



Jesus Falls the Second Time

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

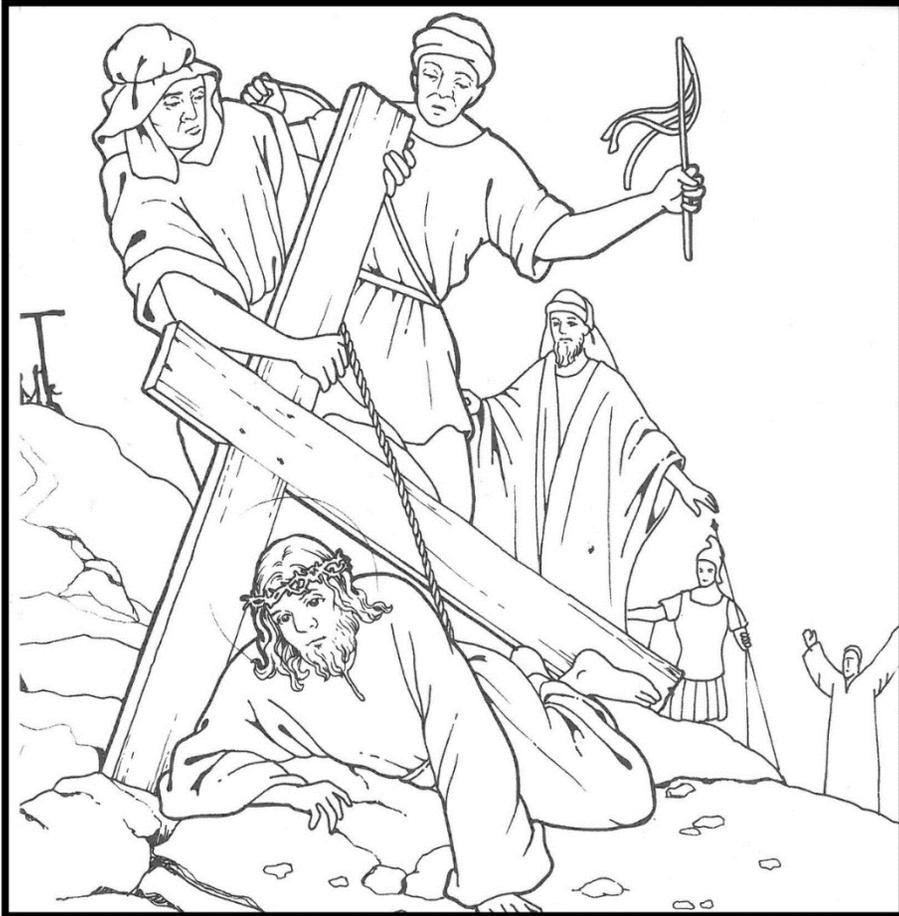
R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, for the last time You stumble / and fall to the ground. / Shall You ever be able to get up again? / The Cross crushes You with its weight / and the people around / wonder if You are not dead already. / But no, / once more You climb to Your feet / and struggle forward up the hill.

R. Teach me never to be discouraged, / even if I keep falling into the same sins, / but help me to begin again at once / to obey You and to do Your will.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

9th Station



Jesus Falls the Third Time

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, this time You fall more heavily than before / and it is harder to get up. / The soldiers push and strike You / to make You hurry along / when You can hardly walk. / It frightens me / to think how cruelly You are treated, / You Who are my Lord and my God.

R. Teach me to understand / what a dreadful thing sin is / because to pay for it / You suffered so much.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

8th Station



Jesus Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

V. Dear Jesus, there are some women waiting by the roadside / to see You pass. / They are so sorry for You / that they are crying. / You speak to them kindly / and tell them not to weep for You / but for themselves and their children / because many people are going to suffer terribly / as a punishment / for not having believed in You. /

R. Teach me to be very sorry for my sins, / not for fear of being punished for them, / but for love of You.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.