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Saint Alphonsus was a man who was in love with Jesus, the Most Holy Redeemer. In the meditations that follow, we are offered an insight into the mind of a saint and the emotion and passion that formed his devotion. For Alphonsus, the Stations of the Cross provided the opportunity to meditate on the true meaning of the Redeemer's love: a love for the will of his Father and a love for the people whom he was called to redeem.

This arrangement of Saint Alphonsus' Way of the Cross has been prepared for congregational use. It presumes a dialogue between leader and assembly. However, it is still just as practical for individual devotion.

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Preparatory Prayer

(To be said kneeling before the altar)

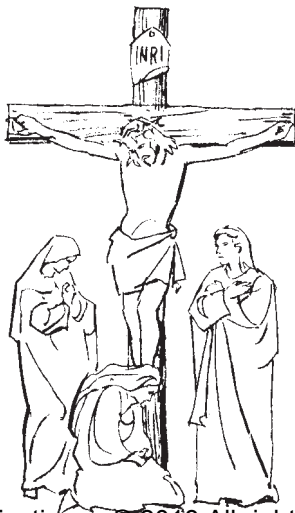
Leader and Assembly: My Lord Jesus Christ, * you have made this journey to die for me with unspeakable love, * and I have again and again ungratefully abandoned you. * But now I love you with all my heart, * and because I love you, I am sorry for having sinned. * Pardon me, my God, and allow me to go with you on this journey. * You accepted your cross because of your great love for me; * I desire, my beloved Redeemer, to die for love of you. * My Jesus, I will live and die always united to you. *(Stand)*

At the Cross Her Station Keeping

All sing:

At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.

Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,
All his bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword had passed.



The First Station

Pilate Condemns Jesus to Die

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you; (*Genuflect*)

Assembly: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. (*Stand*)

Leader: Consider Jesus, scourged and crowned with thorns, being unjustly condemned to die on the cross. (*Kneel*)

All: My adorable Jesus, * it was not Pilate; * no, it was my sins that condemned you to die. * By the merits of this sorrowful journey, * help my soul on its journey to eternity. * I love you, my beloved Jesus; * I love you more than myself, * and I repent with all my heart of ever having offended you. * Never allow me to be separated from you again. * Grant that I may love you always, and then do with me as you will. (*Stand*)

The Second Station

Jesus Accepts His Cross

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you; (*Genuflect*)

Assembly: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. (*Stand*)

Leader: Consider Jesus making this journey with the cross on his shoulders, thinking of us and offering to his Father, in our behalf, the death he was about to undergo. (*Kneel*)

All: My beloved Jesus, * I embrace all the sufferings you have destined for me until death. * I implore you, by all you suffered in carrying your cross, * to help me carry mine with perfect patience and resignation. * I love you, Jesus my love, * and I repent of ever having offended you. * Never allow me to separate myself from you again. * Grant that I may love you always, and then do with me as you will. (*Stand*)