**Short Way of the Cross**

**As used by the Franciscan Fathers on their Missions**

First Station – Jesus Condemned to Death
*O Jesus! so meek and uncomplaining, teach me resignation in trials.*

Second Station – Jesus Carries His Cross
*My Jesus, this Cross should be mine, not Thine; my sins crucified Thee.*

Third Station – Our Lord Falls the First Time
*O Jesus! by this first fall, never let me fall into mortal sin.*

Fourth Station – Jesus Meets His Mother
*O Jesus! may no human tie, however dear, keep me from following the road of the Cross.*

Fifth Station – Simon the Cyrenean Helps Jesus Carry His Cross
*Simon unwillingly assisted Thee; may I with patience suffer all for Thee.*

Sixth Station – Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
*O Jesus! Thou didst imprint Thy sacred features upon Veronica’s veil; stamp them also indelibly upon my heart.*

Seventh Station – The Second Fall of Jesus
*By Thy second fall, preserve me, dear Lord, from relapse into sin.*

Eighth Station – Jesus Consoles the Women of Jerusalem
*My greatest consolation would be to hear Thee say: “Many sins are forgiven thee, because thou hast loved much.”*

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Ninth Station – Third Fall of Jesus
*O Jesus! when weary upon life’s long journey, be Thou my strength and my perseverance.*

Tenth Station – Jesus Stripped of His Garments
*My soul has been robbed of its robe of innocence; clothe me, dear Jesus, with the garb of penance and contrition.*

Eleventh Station – Jesus Nailed to the Cross
*Thou didst forgive Thy enemies; my God, teach me to forgive injuries and FORGET them.*

Twelfth Station – Jesus Dies on the Cross
*Thou art dying, my Jesus, but Thy Sacred Heart still throbs with love for Thy sinful children.*

Thirteenth Station – Jesus Taken Down from the Cross
*Receive me into thy arms, O Sorrowful Mother; and obtain for me perfect contrition for my sins.*

Fourteenth Station – Jesus Laid in the Sepulcher
*When I receive Thee into my heart in Holy Communion, O Jesus, make it a fit abiding place for thy adorable Body. Amen.*