

A Way of the Daily Cross

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The First Station: Jesus doesn't sleep for no good reason. He has to get up very tired.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when peace is taken from me, and I must start all over. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Second Station: Jesus has a tasteless breakfast, and he has to eat it quickly.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when there is no joy in what I must do, and, worse, I feel pressured doing it. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Third Station: Jesus has to contend with rude and crazy drivers.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when I am insulted by people I don't even know, and I must resist infection from other people's anger. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Fourth Station: Jesus hears there will be layoffs.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when I feel powerless, and that I have disappointed those depending on me. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to

trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Fifth Station: Jesus has to do a job that no one wants to do.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when I must do a hard and thankless job, and do it again tomorrow. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Sixth Station: Jesus is mocked by the guy who thinks that no one knows the awful truth about his life.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when I must endure injustice, and resist the desire for vengeance. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Seventh Station: Jesus is berated by his boss who is really covering his own mistake.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when I must endure injustice, and take the punishment for someone else's sins. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Eighth Station: At lunch, Jesus has to listen to dirty jokes.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when I must respect those who do not respect themselves, and resist temptations I did not seek. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I

must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Ninth Station: Jesus has to go back to work at the harsh sound of a buzzer.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when my humanity is not respected, and I must obey the orders of others who do not say please. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Tenth Station: Jesus has car trouble. This will be another bill.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when my plan for my day is completely upended, and my finances as well. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Eleventh Station: Jesus finds out that his cousin is very sick.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when love hurts, and life is scary. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Twelfth Station: Jesus finds that all his friends are busy.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when I feel forgotten, or even rejected. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Thirteenth Station: Jesus eats alone.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when no one consoles me, and I feel utterly unimportant. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....

The Fourteenth Station: Trying to get the news, Jesus is subjected to the praise of sin, other sad signs of the state of society, and hype.

Dear Jesus, I thank you because you understand and bear with me when my faith in you is ignored or even ridiculed, and my precious hope is tested. Help me not to take lightly your attention and love, and not to think wrongly that I am facing my struggles alone. Help me to look to the kingdom and to trust in the Father who is guiding me there as I must go. Help me to mean what I say as I pray in the very same words you taught me, Our Father....