

# The Way of the Father's Cross

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We know that, in part, the cross is meant to show us that in the perfection of His compassion God suffers with us through everything that happens to us.

Though there are more, we can conveniently identify fourteen categories of our sufferings, and speak of them as “stations” whose order might help us to remember that God has suffered with us from the beginning and suffers with us still.

The First Station: God feels the pain of those who are hurt or ill. He knows what it means to be in agony, without even the hope of relief.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...

The Second Station: God feels the fear of those who are dying, want desperately to live, and know no reason to believe that there is anything but nothing ahead.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...

The Third Station: God feels the terror of those who are under attack, and those who know they will be tortured.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...

The Fourth Station: God feels the humiliation, and understands the self-loathing, of those who are slaves to a careless or brutal master.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...

The Fifth Station: God feels the frustration, and understands the anger, of those who are poor and must look from a distance at the lives of the rich.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...

The Sixth Station: God feels the fear, and understands the anger, of those who are dispossessed by crime, especially where the criminals appear to rule.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...

The Seventh Station: God feels the pain of loss, especially when people fear that what they have lost they have lost forever.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

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The Eighth Station: God feels the pain of loneliness, especially when people feel unwanted, rejected, and ugly.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,

and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

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The Ninth Station: God feels the sickening feeling of those who are trapped—those who are trapped physically, and those with no escape from a terrible situation.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...

The Tenth Station: God feels the anguish of those who suffer spiritually, whether from fear or sadness, or both at the same time.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...

The Eleventh Station: God knows what it is to be abused.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...

The Twelfth Station: God feels the agony of those who feel empty, and He knows the pain of those who cannot bear to live or die.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...

The Thirteenth Station: God feels the pain of everything that causes anger, and He understands how hateful it is when what you really hate is yourself.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...

The Fourteenth Station: God feels the pain of those who despair, and He is Himself saddened when His children despise the life and future He gave them.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

As I consider the history of human suffering,  
and the pain of people now,  
I am humbled to realize that my road to heaven  
has been so much easier.

Glory be to the Father...