

The Stabat Mater



<p>Opening Prayer <i>Jesus Lord, condemned, defiled, May we too be meek and mild As we tread your holy Way.</i></p> <p><i>May we feel no bitter hatred, When we too are persecuted, Left alone to walk with You.</i></p>	<p>Eighth Station <i>Jesus falls again in weakness, Stumbling as we do, to lead us Through our sorrow and our pain.</i></p>
<p>First Station <i>Now the Cross as Jesus bore it Has become for us who share it, The jeweled Cross of Victory.</i></p>	<p>Ninth Station <i>Stripped and jeered by his own nation, Jesus stood in desolation, Giving all He had to give</i></p>
<p>Second Station <i>Weakened, prodded, cursed, and fallen, His whole Body bruised and swollen, Jesus tripped and lay in pain.</i></p>	<p>Tenth Station <i>Pierced the hand that blessed and cured us, Pierced the feet that walked to free us, Walked the hill of Calvary.</i></p>
<p>Third Station <i>Jesus meets his grieving Mother, She who made the Lord our Brother; Now the sword her heart has pierced.</i></p>	<p>Eleventh Station <i>Life eternal, death defiant, Bowed his head - the world was silent, Through his death came life anew.</i></p>
<p>Fourth Station <i>Simon stopped in hesitation, Not foreseeing his proud station, Called to bear the Cross of Christ.</i></p>	<p>Twelfth Station <i>Stunned and stricken, Mary, Mother In your arms was placed our Brother Full of grace - now filled with grief.</i></p>
<p>Fifth Station <i>Brave but trembling came the woman, None but she would flaunt the Roman, Moved by love beyond her fear.</i></p>	<p>Thirteenth Station <i>Jesus, Lord, your gift accepted, In three days, You resurrected. You did first what we shall do.</i></p>
<p>Sixth Station <i>Prostrate on the dust He crumbled, Flogged in Body He resembled All our brothers poor and scorned.</i></p>	<p>Fourteenth Station <i>Jesus Risen be our lover In your Food and in our brother, Lead us home to heaven with You</i></p>
<p>Seventh Station <i>May our sympathy for Jesus Turn to those who here now need us, May we see Christ bruised in them.</i></p>	