

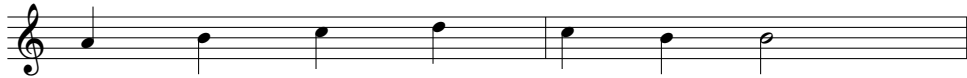
# The Stations of the Cross



\* Kneel - ing in the gar - den grass, Je - sus groans a -  
1. While the court and priests con - spire How to slant the  
2. When the mas - sive cross of wood Bends and bruis - es  
3. Je - sus falls be - neath the weight Of the cross he's



gainst his death, Let this cup of sor - row pass,  
ev - i - dence Je - sus calm - ly bears their ire  
Je - sus' frame Hear him seek e - ter - nal good  
forced to bear Yet its load of sin and hate



While he prays in that same breath:  
As his prayer grows more in - tense:  
As he prays in Heav - en's name:  
Do not crush his hope and prayer:



Not my will but yours be done.

\* This stanza begins the devotions. Stanzas 1-14 accompany each station.

1. **Jesus is condemned to death**
2. **Jesus carries his Cross**
3. **Jesus falls the first time**
4. **Jesus meets his afflicted mother**  
Jesus reads in Mary's eyes  
all the sorrow mothers bear,  
and he prays his friend supplies  
grace to strengthen her own prayer:  
Not my will but your be done.
5. **Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to  
carry his Cross**  
We with Simon of Cyrene  
help the Savior bear the cross.  
Step by step we slowly glean  
what true faith and prayer will cost:  
Not my will but yours be done.
6. **Veronica wipes the face of Jesus**  
Seek the courage and the grace  
the Veronica displays  
when she wipes the bleeding face  
of the one who bravely prays:  
Not my will but yours be done.
7. **Jesus falls the second time**  
Jesus trips and falls again  
as he struggles through the street  
where the mob's unceasing din  
mocks the prayer his lips repeat:  
Not my will but yours be done.
8. **Jesus meets the of Jerusalem**  
Christ directs the women's tears  
toward the coming judgment day  
when God weighs our faithless years  
with our willingness to pray:  
Not my will but yours be done.
9. **Jesus falls a third time**  
Jesus stumbles one last time  
nearly broken by the load  
yet by prayer finds strength to climb  
Calvary's final stretch of road:  
Not my will but yours be done.
10. **Jesus is stripped of his clothes**  
Naked to sun and clouds  
and the jeers and gawking stare  
of the soldiers and the crowds  
Christ continues with his prayer:  
Not my will but yours be done.
11. **Jesus is nailed to the Cross**  
While the soldiers throw their dice  
they ignore their victim's groans,  
lost to them the sacrifice  
and the prayer that Jesus moans:  
Not my will but yours be done.
12. **Jesus dies on the Cross**  
Jesus gives one loud last cry  
at the moment of his death  
while his prayer moves heaven's sky  
with his final, parting breath:  
Not my will but yours be done.
13. **The body of Jesus is taken  
down from the Cross**  
As they take the body down  
and they wrap it in a sheet  
in their hearts they hear the sound  
that his lips no more repeat:  
Not my will but yours be done.
14. **Jesus is laid in the tomb**  
Quiet is the hollowed cave.  
Peace and tears and grief descend.  
Mourners offer at the grave  
what they learned from Christ their friend:  
Not my will but yours be done.