

**Nigerian Igbo Catholic
Community, San Jose**

STATIONS of the CROSS

2021 Lenten Season



OPENING PRAYER

Opening Hymn

Come and Mourn with me awhile Chorus: O
come and mourn with me awhile; See, Mary calls
us to her side; oh come and let us mourn with her;
Jesus our Lord, is Crucified.

Opening Prayer

O Jesus Christ, my Lord, with what great love did you pass over the painful road which led you to death; and I, how often have I abandoned you. But now I love you with my whole soul, and because I love you, I am sincerely sorry for having offended you. My Jesus, pardon me and permit me to accompany you in this journey. You are going to die for love of me, and it is my wish also, dearest Redeemer, to die for love of you. My Jesus, in your love I wish to live. In your love I wish to die. Amen.

Hymn: All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live. Chorus: I surrender!! (Base): I surrender all I surrender!! (Base): I surrender all) All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.



First Station: Jesus is condemned to death

Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: Obedience to the Father's cost Our Lord His life. He died a shameful death of the Cross. How willing am I to "die to myself" for the sake of God's Will? Do I love myself more than God?

All: Lord, help me to be more open to Your Will. Give me the strength to obey you without counting the cost.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: Dinwenu anyi Jesu Kristi. Anyi biara n'ihu I. Ka I wee cheta ahuhu Ngi n'onwu. Ka I wee mere anyi ebere.

Second Station: Jesus carries His Cross



Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: Our Lord had to carry His Cross even though He was innocent. Some of my crosses too are not caused by me. Persevere! Our Lord will never give you a cross that will crush you.

All: Lord, You bore your Cross so courageously and so faithfully. Help me to bear mine in the same spirit.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

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Hymn: Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.



Third Station: Jesus falls the first time

Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: Our Lord, fully divine and fully human felt the full weight of the Cross; He collapsed under its weight. Do I recognize and accept my human frailty?

All: Lord, give me the graces to accept the truth that I am weak and sinful. Help me to realize how dependent I am on you.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: Lee ma-nya Leem anya na-mkpuru obi : A tu-kwasaram Gi obi, Chineke, A-tu-kwasaram Gi obi oge ni-le. Oge nile m no n'uwa O Chineke.

Fourth Station: Jesus meets his mother



Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: When Our Lord met His Mother at Calvary, their hearts must have bled for they loved each other so deeply. Do I love Our Lord as deeply?

All: Lord, to watch our loved ones suffer is harder to bear than my own pain. Help me to believe that you are always there for me.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: Maria di aso yobala Anyi, K'anyi we fu Jesu n'anya n'ebe okolu na enu obe.



Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry His cross

Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: Simon of Cyrene relieved the burden of the Cross of Our Lord. This was a welcome relief. Like Simon, do I want to relieve the burdens of others through my care and concern for them?

All: Lord, help me to be more willing and eager to help anyone who is in need. Help me to have the courage to serve even though others may laugh or think I am weird.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.



Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: Where ever there are tears of pain and blood from victims of unjust suffering in slums, jails, homes, etc. Jesus' blood-stained face is there staring at us. When I see people suffer, do I have compassion for them?

All: Lord, help me to see how You too suffer in those who suffer. Through my deeds, may I be Your compassion for them.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: Jesu ncheta I na-asoka; Bu anuri ndi no n'uwa; Ma mgbe Jesu ji kwudebe; Nya bu ihe kasi ihe ihe nile. Jesu ncheta I asoka, Jesu ncheta I asoka, Jesu ncheta I asoka.

Seventh Station: Jesus falls the Second Time



Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: Our Lord truly tried so hard to complete the torture of Calvary, yet the pain overpowered His efforts. How often have I tried to do God's Will and failed?

All: Lord, help me not to be discouraged by my failures. Give me strength to persevere, for I know that not to try harder is the worst "failure."

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: *Trust and obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*



Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: In spite of His sufferings Our Lord never lost His Compassion for others. How often have I reached out to others? Is my attention only focused on my own needs?

All: Lord, it is very difficult to understand the needs of others when I myself am hurting. Help me to be more like you in my compassion.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

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Hymn: Bianu soro m be akwa nwoge. Lee Maria ka o na-akpo anyi. Zukonu ka anyi be akwa. Akpogburu Jesu Nna anyi.



Ninth Station: Jesus falls a third time

Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: Our Lord drained of strength, crashed to the ground, lays there motionless as though He has died. But, He struggled on to complete His Mission. Do I give up so easily as soon as the going gets tough or do I fight on?

All: Lord, may Your strength sustain me and keep me going especially when I am down and depressed.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: *Lee ma-nya Leem anya na mpkuru o-bi*

Refrain: *A tu-kwasaram Gi obi, Chineke, A-tu-kwasaram Gi obi oge ni-le*



Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of His Garments

Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: Our Lord was stripped of all that He possessed in this world. His only consolation was His Father's Love. Am I attached to anything that is keeping me from loving God more?

All: Lord, root out all traces of envy and pride in me. May I remain poor in spirit so that I be rich in You.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: Maria di aso yobala Anyi, K'anyi we fu Jesu n'anya n'ebe okolu na enu obe.

Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the Cross



Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: Our Lord worked miracles, walked miles, preached endlessly about His Father's Will. And the crowd crucified Him. Should I expect and demand results and reward for the good that I do?

All: Lord, as You are nailed so cruelly on the Cross and found Yourself so helpless, give me the wisdom to see how doing God's Will is never easy.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: Osiso mme na obi nwute n'ogige Getsemani, kowari anyi ka njo anyi si nyido mkpuru obi Gi. Chorus: Dinwenu anyi Jesu Kristi. Anyi biara n'ihu I. Ka I wee cheta ahuhu Ngi n'onwu. Ka I wee mere anyi ebere.

Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the Cross



Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: Before Jesus died He said, “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.” How often have I sort revenge for those who have wronged me? Should I not learn to forgive like Our Lord?

All: Lord, help me to see how forgiveness is a virtue that brings healing and unity. Help me to be humble so that I can more willingly forgive.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: Unu bu ndi no n’elu uwa. Nime ahuhu na mkpa. Mgbe nchekwube ji beneta. Ekpo obi wute unu.

Choros: Werenu anya na-ele Jesu, N’ebe O koro n’obe. Ogbasara unu aka. Ka O were nara unu.

Thirteenth Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross



Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: he cold and limp body of Jesus is placed on the lap of His Mother who weeps silently in her heart. How selfless am I in serving God's people?

All: Lord, You have given fully without counting the cost. May I too have a heart that is like yours. Give me strength to persevere till the end.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: *Trust and obey, there is no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and Obey.*

Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb



Leader: We Adore You, O Christ, and Praise You

All: Because by Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World

Leader: The Savior of the world who was born without an inn now dies without a tomb of His own. Does this total detachment of Jesus help me to live my faith more purely for Him?

All: Lord, may Your Father's will always take first place in everything that I do.

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be the Father ...

Leader: O Jesus Crucified for our sins

All: Have Mercy on us

May the souls of the faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Hymn: Hymn: Lee ma-nya Leem anya na mpkuru o-bi

Refrain: A tu-kwasaram Gi obi, Chineke, A-tu-kwasaram Gi obi oge ni-le

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

O most holy Mother, Queen of sorrows, who followed her beloved Son through all the Way of the Cross, and whose heart was pierced with a fresh sword of grief at all the stations of that most sorrowful journey, obtain for us, we beseech you, O most loving Mother a perpetual remembrance of our Blessed Savior's cross and death and a true and tender devotion to all the mysteries of his most holy passion. Obtain for us the grace to hate sin, he hated it in the agony in the garden; to endure wrong and insult with all patience as he endured them in the judgment hall; to be meek and humble in all our trials as he was before his judges; to love our enemies even as he loved his murderers, and prayed for them upon the cross; and to glorify God and to do good to our neighbor, even as he did in every mystery of his suffering. Amen.

Hymn: God of mercy and compassion

Look with pity upon me;

Father, let me call thee Father,

'tis thy child returns to thee.

CH: Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;

Let me not implore in vain:

All my sins I now detest them,

Never will I sin again

Concluding Prayer

FOR POPE'S INTENTIONS:

Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory be to the Father ...

BLESSINGS:

Closing Hymn:

1. **Obi nso Maria, kasi ihunanya**
Anyi na ndi muo-oma kene I nekwe

Chorus: Ave Ave Ave Maria
2. **Were Obi ebere O nne nke gratia**
Na-enekwasi anya na nkpa nk'umu I.