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Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

Luke 22:39-46

Lord,
your hour is drawing near.
The culmination.
The inevitable path drawn out by your love,
as opposed to our sin.

Our call Lord is beyond us.
Just as it was for your disciples... we cannot always understand.
Help me understand more,
so that I have the strength not to sleep, not to stand far off.
Perhaps only the angels can come close,
but Lord, I want to try.

Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.





The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Luke 22: 47-53

A kiss
should be a sign of love.
Lord, what violence we can do to truth!
What duplicity we can hide in our lives!

Lord, help me have a sincere heart,
a transparent heart, a holy heart.
Let my life be that voice crying from the hilltop,
emanating your Good News.
Let the words of my lips declare your praise,
your way, your truth, your life.
Let me be your friend, not your accuser.

Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Peter Denies Jesus



Luke 22: 54-62

Lord, how many times have
I heard the call
to witness to you,
to tell people, that I belong to you!

Lord, give me courage to hear your invitation,
that voice spoken from the mouths of children and your poor,
to witness to your friendship in my life.
To tell people, that I know you!
To tell people with my life, that I love you.

Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



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Jesus before Pilate

Luke 23: 1-5

Lord,
they falsely accuse you!
They say you seek power!
They say you are a danger!

Lord, help me stand up and be counted,
open my mouth,
let my words witness to your goodness.
Let me defend the defenceless,
let me speak the truth,
let me lead the people in the way of truth.

Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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Jesus before Herod

Luke 23: 6-12

There you are, for all to see,
peering crowds ravenous for scandal!
Where is justice?

They probe you and accuse you,
Lord, help me be your advocate.
Let me not stay in the shadows,
or join in with the jeering crowds.
Let me testify only to truth
and witness to your mercy.

Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.





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Jesus Sentenced to Death

Luke 23: 13-25

Lord, you are innocent,
but they bind you!
Tie you up and wound you!
Why do they shout out for a criminal?
Why do they chose the scoundrel?
Lord, let my voice not join with theirs.
Let me denounce their lies.
Help me stand far off from the crowds,
and witness always to the truth.
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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Jesus Carries the Cross



Lord, you are burdened
with our sins!
Why did you do this?
Why take what is not yours?

But, we ARE yours!
Lord, I run away and disown my own cross:
my problems, my fears, my sins, but you willingly take them!
You see beyond them, to the new life to come.
Help me Lord, to see beyond the cross,
help me embrace my cross and see it as a door to you,
my eternal life in you.
Help me see beyond today, beyond this life,
open my eyes to eternity.

Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.



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Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Luke 23: 26-31

You meet your mother
and recognise in her
the initial “yes” that led to this moment.

Mary your mother tenderly accompanied you
through all your human stumbles, from childhood until now.

Lord, help me learn from her example,
from her initial “yes” to her tenacious following of your steps.

Help me join her at the foot of the cross,
to witness to that final, terrible death,
so that I may truly witness in my own flesh,
the power of your resurrection to the world.

Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.

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Simon of Cyrene

Mat 21: 32-44

Simon was invited by
obedience
to help you carry your cross,
our cross.

You allowed him to share in your destiny,
allowed him to share your mission,
saving the world.

Lord, help me be obedient to the invitation of others,
to share the burden
of the pains, suffering and sin of humanity.
Let my small contribution, which I offer you with all my heart,
be for the salvation of all the world.

Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.





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Jesus is nailed to the Cross

Jn 19: 15-27

You become one with our cross.

Lord, I have no words,
your pain silences me.

You open your arms in love
and present yourself to humanity.

Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.

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Jesus speaks to the thief

Lk 23: 32-43

How blessed is repentance!
The man, the sinner,
imprisoned on his cross,
accepts his conviction
and in a humble prayer, is saved.

Lord, how good you are!
Criminals like me
you join to yourself through the cross and death of baptism.
Help me remember this saving moment forever.
That I might tell the whole world
of your abundant and gentle mercy.

Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.





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Jesus with his Mother and Disciple

Luke 23: Jn 19:25-27

This terrible testimony,
this horrible witness,
of being faithful to the end.

Lord, give me the grace not to turn away
from the cross which tortured you.

Let me hear your last mortal words
of care to those who love you,

“Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother”
that I may ever remember why we are Church,
why we are a community, why we are all joined to each other.

Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.

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Jesus dies on the Cross

Lk 23: 44-16

Silence
Darkness
Stillness.

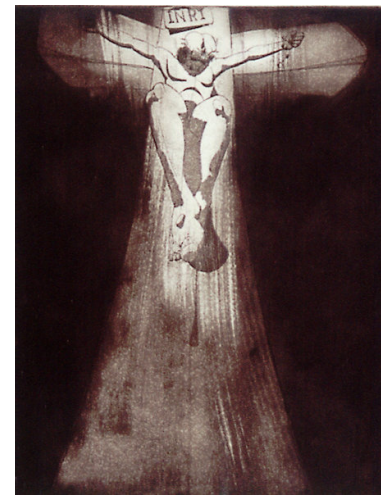
Lord, it is accomplished.

Your blood, swallowed up by our cross: eternally inseparable.

May my life be a sacrifice of praise,
a living thanksgiving for your goodness,
for me, and for all my brothers and sisters.

Help me have the courage and humility
to offer my life as you did,
for the life of your kingdom and the peace of humanity.

Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.





Jesus is laid in the tomb

Lk 23: 50-56

The Day of
pregnant silence.
The day of rest.

The disciples were not certain that you would rise.

But I know,

I know that you rose.

In silence, I await your revelation to me,

I thirst for your word.

Lord, Visit me. Instruct me. Command me.

That I may be a living presence of you in this world,
not me working, but you working through me.

Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.



The Resurrection of Jesus

Jn 20: 1-18

Lord, you were not there!
Where they had laid you.

Alleluia!

because you have risen!

because you have risen as you said so!

Lord, help me live by faith,

help me believe the impossible.

Help me believe your word and proclaim it,
witness to it, to the whole world.

Let my life be a beacon of joy, of energy, of sacrifice and praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Amen

