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### Twelfth Station

Jesus dies on the cross

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"At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'... Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last."  
Mark 15:34, 37

*Eternal rest,  
grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light  
shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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### Thirteenth Station

Jesus's body is taken down from the cross

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"Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body."  
John 19:38

*"Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start, despite their mental and social conditioning... I appeal to everyone throughout the world not to forget this dignity which is ours. No one has the right to take it from us." Laudato Si' #205*

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### Fourteenth Station

Jesus's body is laid in the tomb

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"Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid."  
Mark 15:46-47

*"One of the things I feel is important is to reserve time to be with God in prayer. I don't work on a Sunday. I go to church and then in the afternoon I share the Bible with children. Sometimes work is quite strenuous and you should take time to rest otherwise you can fall ill." Patrick, Zambia*

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### Fifteenth Station

Jesus is raised from the dead

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"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."  
Luke 24:5

*As we reflect on Jesus's final journey, we pray for the strength to live each day as people transformed through God's love, and that we will radiate God's love to all of creation.*

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## Stations of the Cross 2017

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### Introduction

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As we reflect on the final journey of Jesus, leading to his death on the cross, we also contemplate the lives of our sisters and brothers living in Zambia. We will reflect particularly on how our dignity is respected through being able to work, and so support ourselves and our families to live life to the full.

We will hear about Florence, a mum with two children. After her husband died she struggled to feed and clothe them. But thanks to support from a CAFOD partner, she now has a small fish farm and is able to provide for her family. We will also hear about Patrick, a 23 year old whose father died when he was a small child and his mum found it hard to grow enough food for the family. Having been educated by the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, he has become a tailor and now passes on those skills in his spare time to people living with disabilities in Zambia.

We also hear inspiration from Blessed Pope Paul VI's letter on the development of peoples called *Populorum Progressio*, as we pray for the work of CAFOD done in our name which seeks to bring about "An ever more effective world solidarity [which] should allow all people to become the artisans of their destiny."

Let us pray together for God to transform our lives and the lives of others:

God of Love,  
Maker of all,  
transform my heart  
through my Lenten journey  
of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Help me to see the dignity  
in all my sisters and brothers,  
made in your image and likeness.

Inspire me to share the fruits of  
your creation  
so that all your people can become  
artisans of their own destiny.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

At the start of each Station we say:

We adore you, O Christ,  
and we praise you,  
**because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.**

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**First Station**

Jesus is condemned to death

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"So Pilate released Barabbas for the crowd; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified."  
Matthew 27:26

*When do I ignore "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Pope Francis, Laudato Si' #49), listening instead to the cry of the crowds?*

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**Second Station**

Jesus carries his cross

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"After mocking Jesus, the soldiers stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him."  
Matthew 27:31

*"The situation at the home became unbearable. Our family members would prepare food, but they wouldn't let us have any. It was really something for me that they didn't want to share food with us."*  
Patrick, Zambia

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**Third Station**

Jesus falls the first time

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"He was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

*"In many ways, the present-day economic situation is keeping people from participating in society. Families, in particular, suffer from problems related to work...."*  
Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia #44

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**Fourth Station**

Jesus meets his mother

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"Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'" Luke 2:34-35

*"My children weren't getting a fair share of the food that I helped to grow. At my parents' I would cultivate and farm the crop like everyone else, but I wouldn't have a say in what would happen to the food."* Florence, Zambia

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**Fifth Station**

Simon of Cyrene carries the cross of Jesus

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"The soldiers compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus." Mark 15:21

*"When work is done in common – when hope, hardship, ambition and joy are shared – it brings together and firmly unites the wills, minds and hearts of [people]. In its accomplishment, [we] find ourselves to be brothers [and sisters]."* Populorum Progressio #27

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**Sixth Station**

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

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"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:40

*"Work, to use an image, 'anoints' us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has*

*worked and still works, who always acts..."* Pope Francis, Feast of St Joseph the Worker and World Labour Day 2013

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**Seventh Station**

Jesus falls the second time

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"You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter." James 5:5

*"The wages you withhold from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts."* James 5:4

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**Eighth Station**

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

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"A great number of people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him." Luke 23:27

*"I couldn't get enough money to buy farming equipment. I wanted to grow maize but struggled and I grew just enough to survive. I joined the Village Orphans Support Group. They helped me a lot. They taught me how to make manure and fertiliser. The group helped me to work on my own and to support myself."* Florence, Zambia

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**Ninth Station**

Jesus falls the third time

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"Come to me, all you who labour, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

*"Even if a person is disabled, if they have a skill, they can earn money. I help them to make and sell things. Once they get some cotton, the class can make items to sell on the market. What they earn they use to buy things they need like food, or lotion and soap for themselves."*  
Patrick, Zambia

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**Tenth Station**

Jesus is stripped of his garments

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"The soldiers took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic..." John 19:23

*"No one may appropriate surplus goods solely for his own private use when others lack the bare necessities of life."* Populorum Progressio #23

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**Eleventh Station**

Jesus is nailed to the cross

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"When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left." Luke 23:33

*"Work, too, has a double edge. Since it promises money, pleasure and power, it stirs up selfishness in some and incites others to revolt. On the other hand, it also fosters a professional outlook, a sense of duty, and love of neighbour."*  
Populorum Progressio #28