

## Stations of the Cross: Self-Guided Devotionals

In ancient times, Christians made pilgrimages to Jerusalem, usually during Holy Week. As part of their pilgrim journey, they would walk the route Jesus took with his cross to Calvary, stopping along the way for devotions to commemorate certain events that took place.

The Stations of the Cross, also called the Way of the Cross, is a traditional liturgical service commemorating the last day of Jesus' life. In the Episcopal Church, this Service is usually conducted during Holy Week or on Good Friday.

This self-guided devotional contains scripture, suggested prayers, and descriptions of each of the 14 stations. At each of the depicted plaques hung in the COGS chapel, stop, pray, read scripture, and contemplate the walk of Jesus to the cross.

*Prayers used here are from The Episcopal Church's Book of Occasional Services.*

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### Opening Prayer

*In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.*

*We will glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
In whom is our salvation, our life, and our resurrection.*

*Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter  
with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life  
and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*