Way of the Cross
United in Prayer with the Victims of COVID-19 and their Loved Ones
Introduction

COVID-19 is one of the many crosses we have to bear as part of the human condition: the cross of disease.

We pray together, close to the Cross of Jesus, asking God to help us in the midst of this difficult time, requiring the collaboration of all in order to overcome it.

Our Father ...
1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death.

We pray at this station for all people. We are fragile. We are exposed to viruses, diseases, sins, dangers... It is all part of the "condemnation" that limits us and renders us weak. May we assume our frail condition which identifies us: we are not gods, we are flesh and blood.

Our Father ...
2nd Station: Jesus carries his cross.

We pray at this station for all political and health authorities who have the responsibility to manage this crisis, seeking the common good of society. It is up to them to carry the cross of watching over the health of the people. May God enlighten and guide them through their decision making process.

Our Father ...
3rd Station: Jesus falls the first time.

We pray at this station for the grace of not falling into the temptation of frivolity, of not taking seriously the recommendations made to us so we can avoid any possible contamination, putting at risk our health and the health of others.

Our Father ...
4th Station: Jesus meets his mother.

We pray at this station for the blessed intercession of the Virgin Mary, and for trust in the work of so many professionals who look after our health and our well-being "like mothers".

Our Father ...
5th Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross.

We pray at this station for the health professionals: doctors, nurses, assistants... for all the hospital personnel who are the Cyrenians that help the sick to overcome their illnesses. May God protect them, strengthen them and help them during this difficult time.

Our Father ...
6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

We pray at this station for the people who, in an altruistic way, help, collaborate, show solidarity, contribute their time and their gifts to alleviate many needs during this time. May we learn to always be on the side of those who suffer without judgment.

Our Father ...
7th Station: Jesus falls the second time.

We pray at this station for the courage to not fall into fear, hysteria and hopelessness... they lead to nothing but despair. May the Lord grant us serenity to face this current challenge.

Our Father ...
8th Station: Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem.

We pray at this station for all believers. May God take away the coronavirus from the world and hear and answer our prayers.

Our Father ...
9th Station: Jesus falls the third time.

We pray at this station for those who suffer collateral damage as a result of this crisis. We pray for the employers whose livelihoods are in danger and for the workers who are out of work. May everything soon return to normal.

Our Father ...
10th Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments.

We pray at this station for the researchers who are currently seeking an effective cure to the virus, so that their work may soon bear fruit.
Our Father ...
11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross.

We pray at this station for all those who are quarantined, either for having the virus or for having been with those who are infected. May the Lord give them patience, and may this time be useful for them to reflect on their own lives and the need we have for God.

Our Father …
12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross.

We pray at this station for all those who have died of coronavirus, so that God may welcome them into heaven where there is no longer any illness, mourning or pain.

Our Father ...
13th Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross.

We pray at this station for all the relatives of those who have suffered or are suffering from the coronavirus. May the Lord accompany and strengthen them in the midst of this difficult time.

Our Father …
14th Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb.

We pray at this station so that we can gracefully assume the many painful realities that we have to face throughout our lives like the coronavirus from the light of faith, in the hope that everything is passing, that God always has the last word.

Our Father ...
15th Station: Jesus is risen.

FINAL PRAYER:
O God, you know that we are fragile, plagued by so many dangers, as we now suffer with the coronavirus pandemic. Grant us health of soul and body, to overcome this danger with your help. Heal the sick and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
In honor of all the faithfully departed victims of the COVID-19.

May they rest in peace. AMEN.