

**IMJ Stations Of The Cross IMJ**

**VIII - XII**

*Oh My Jesus, Forgive us our Sins, Save from the Fire of Hell; Lead all Souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Tender Mercy. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be to the Father...*

	<p><b>Station VIII Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem-</b></p> <p>The women of Jerusalem and their children, come out to comfort and thank him. They had seen his compassion and welcomed his words of healing and freedom. He had broken all kinds of social and religious conventions to connect with them. Now they are here to support him. He feels their grief. He suffers, knowing he can't remain to help them more in this life. He knows the mystery of facing the separation of death.</p> <p><i>Oh My Jesus</i></p>
	<p><b>Station IX Jesus Falls the Third Time-</b></p> <p>The last fall is devastating. Jesus can barely proceed to the end. Summoning all this remaining strength supported by his inner trust in God, Jesus collapses under the weight of the cross. His executioners look at him as a broken man, pathetic yet paying a price he deserves. They help him up so he can make it up the hill of crucifixion.</p> <p><i>Oh My Jesus</i></p>
	<p><b>Station X Jesus is stripped of His Garments-</b></p> <p>Part of the indignity is to be crucified naked. Jesus is completely stripped of any pride. The wounds on his back are torn open again. He experiences the ultimate vulnerability of the defenseless. No shield or security protects him. As they stare at him, his eyes turn to heaven.</p> <p><i>Oh My Jesus</i></p>
	<p><b>Station XI Jesus is Nailed to the Cross-</b></p> <p>Huge nails are hammered through his hands and feet to fix him on the cross. He is bleeding much more seriously now. As the cross is lifted up, the weight of his life hangs on those nails. Every time he struggles to pull himself up to breathe, his ability to cling to life slips away.</p> <p><i>Oh My Jesus</i></p>
	<p><b>Station XII Jesus Dies On The Cross-</b></p> <p>Between two criminals, a mocking title above his head, with only Mary and John and Mary Magdalene to support him, Jesus surrenders his last breath: "Into your hands I commend my spirit." <i>Oh My Jesus</i></p>
	<p><b>Station XIII Jesus Is Taken Down From The Cross-</b></p> <p>What tender mourning! Jesus' lifeless body lies in his mother's arms. He has truly died. A profound sacrifice, complete.</p> <p><i>Oh My Jesus</i></p>
	<p><b>Station XIV Jesus Is Laid In The Tomb-</b></p> <p>They take the body of Jesus to its resting place. The huge stone over the tomb is the final sign of the permanence of death. In this final act of surrender, who would have imagined this tomb would soon be empty or that Jesus would show himself alive to his disciples, or that they would recognize him in the breaking of bread? Oh, that our hearts might burn within us, as we realize how he had to suffer and die so as to enter into his glory, for us.</p> <p><i>Oh My Jesus</i></p>