

Im Gebet sollen Sie das Feuer holen



Seliger Franziskus Jordan
(Johann Baptist 1848–1918)

1881 gründete er die Salvatorianer. 1888 gründete
er die Salvatorianerinnen gemeinsam mit der

Seligen Maria von den Aposteln
(Therese von Wüllenweber 1833–1907)

Stations of the Cross

“Prayer is where you should get fire and increase it on earth”,
(Talks of Father Francis Jordan, 5.1.1900, p. 366)

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Opening Prayer:

Lord, Jesus Christ, You became man and became involved in the illnesses and calamities of the world.

During Your life on earth You gave hope, perspective and salvation to many sick people.

Your words, which we read in the Holy Scriptures, are challenging, uplifting, encouraging and guiding.

At the end of your earthly life here on our world, you took upon yourself all sickness and pain and made the cross a sign of hope.

At this time when the whole world is suffering, when people are isolated and left to themselves, when people mourn for their loved ones, where people are sacrificing all their physical and psychological strength to help others, let us pray in solidarity and entrust ourselves to you.

1. Station: Pilate Condemns Jesus to Die

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Gospel of Luke: (Lk 23:23-25)

But they besieged him with loud cries and demanded his crucifixion; and their cries were heard. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for subversion and murder, as they demanded; but he gave Jesus up to their will.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Notebook p. 3)

I must have confidence. Only the most holy will of God be done. If I am not useful for anything outwardly, then I can be a little martyr for the Society. I will have obedience in mind above all.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD I, 163,6)

The works of God prosper only in the shadow of the cross.

2. Station: Jesus Accepts His Cross

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Gospel of Mark: (Mk 15:20)

And when they had made sport of him, they took the purple robe off him and put his clothing on him. And they took him out to put him to death on the cross.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Notebook p. 10)

I would rather die than leave the Society. Likewise, I would rather suffer. God has already created me for this from eternity.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD I, 179,4)

The cross is your life
the cross is your salvation
the cross is your crown
the cross is your glory
the cross is your hope
the cross is your shield
the cross is your protection
the cross is your portion
the cross is your joy

3. Station: Jesus Falls the First Time

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Letter to the Hebrews: (Heb 2:18; 12,2)

For having been put to the test himself, he is able to give help to others when they are tested. Let us keep on running in the way which is marked out for us.

Having our eyes fixed on Jesus, the guide and end of our faith, who went through the pains of the cross, not caring for the shame, because of the joy which was before him, and who has now taken his place at the right hand of God's seat of power.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Notebook p. 16)

The more trust one has, the more one participates in the omnipotence of God.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD II, 1,4)

No sacrifice, no cross, no desolation, no trial, no temptation.

Oh! Absolutely nothing should be too difficult for you with the help of God's grace.

4. Station: Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Gospel of Luke: (Lk 2: 34-35)

And Simeon gave them his blessing and said to Mary, his mother: See, this child will be the cause of the downfall and the lifting up of great numbers of people in Israel, and he will be a sign against which hard words will be said; And a sword will go through your heart; so that the secret thoughts of men may come to light.

Mary of the Apostles writes in the Barbara Convent in Neuwerk: (Diary 1, p. 78)

From the beginning, our monastery has only been called Mary's new work. May it continue to be her work anew.
Mary help!

Words of Father Jordan: (SD I, 155*, 3)

Even if everything seems lost, God will not abandon you, nor will his dear mother.

5. Station: Simon Helps Jesus Carry the Cross

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Gospel of Mark: (Mk 15: 20-21)

And when they had made sport of him, they took the purple robe off him and put his clothing on him. And they took him out to put him to death on the cross.

And they made Simon of Cyrene, who was going by, coming from the country, go with them, so that he might take his cross.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Diary 1, p. 80)

So I count with God that on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross a true ecclesiastical foundation stone for God's work has been laid here. God be eternally praised.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD I, 69,3)

First of all, the humble soul shows it has set aside self-love and clothed itself with the fire of divine love.

6. Station: Veronica Offers Her Veil to Jesus

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Book of Psalms: (Ps 27:7-9a)

O Lord, let the voice of my cry come to your ears:
have mercy on me and give me an answer. When you
said make search for my face, my heart said to you,
for your face will I make my search. Let not your face
be covered from me.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Diary 2, p. 104)

Lately I have often had the consolation of addressing the
Venerable Father and Founder.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD I, 34, 2)

Whoever wishes to find grace let him never take his eyes
from the cross, whether my providence is visiting with sorrow
or with joy.

7. Station: Jesus Falls the Second Time

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the first Letter of Peter: (1 Petr 2: 23-24)

To sharp words he gave no sharp answer; when he was undergoing pain, no angry word came from his lips; but he put himself into the hands of the judge of righteousness. He took our sins on himself, giving his body to be nailed on the tree, so that we, being dead to sin, might have a new life in righteousness, and by his wounds we have been made well.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Notebook p. 21)

Being like a monstrance - the monstrance has rays, you have to shine. There are rays that do not run straight; these are the travails of a soul that belongs entirely to God.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD I, 165,1)

In heaven we will never be able to wear the crown of glory if on earth we do not previously wear the crown of contempt.

8. Station: Jesus Speaks to the Women

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Gospel of Luke: (Lk 23: 28-29)

But Jesus, turning to them, said, daughters of Jerusalem, let not your weeping be for me, but for yourselves and for your children. For the days are coming in which they will say, happy are those who have had no children, whose bodies have never given birth, whose breasts have never given milk.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Notebook p. 13)

I must think that my life is over now on the one hand, in order to live a completely new one. I must act in such a way that I do much out of holiness and zeal. May come what is coming. How quickly life passes.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD II, 79,7)

Pray always and do not cease.

Pray earnestly, more earnestly, most earnestly!

9. Station: Jesus Falls the Third Time

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: (Isa 53: 5-6.10)

But it was for our sins he was wounded, and for our evil doings he was crushed. He took the punishment by which we have peace and by his wounds we are made well.

We all went wandering like sheep; going every one of us after his desire; and the Lord put on him the punishment of us all.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Notebook p. 3)

We have to do it like a child who learns to walk, falls and gets up again.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD II, 77,1)

Let no cross, no bitterness, no trial, nothing, weaken your zeal for God's holy cause.

10. Station: Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Gospel of Luke: (Lk 23: 34-35)

The soldiers made division of his clothing among them by the decision of chance. And the people were looking on. And the rulers made sport of him, saying, He was a savior of others; let him do something for himself, if he is the Christ, the man of God's selection.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Diary 2, p. 4)

Venerable Father exhorted in the sermon to follow the dear Savior in carrying the cross. We should consume ourselves in his service like the candle.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD I, 30,2)

As soon as a hard aggressive insult or upset befalls you, do not dwell on it. But pray with the Savior on the cross, Father forgive.

11. Station: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Gospel of Mark: (Mk 15: 25-27)

And it was the third hour when they put him on the cross.
And the statement of his crime was put in writing on the
cross, the king of the Jews. And they put two thieves on
crosses with him, one on his right side and one on his left.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Diary 2, p. 52)

On the holy feast of Easter I received a letter written on Good
Friday by the Reverend Founder of the Catholic Teaching
Society. He signed it: Francis of the Cross, which is his
religious name.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD II, 114,4)

Rise up, Lord, help me. Show me Your will; through Our Lord
Jesus Christ, reveal to me how I may accomplish.

12. Station: Jesus Dies Upon the Cross

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Gospel of Matthew: (Mt 27:45-46b.50b.54)

And about the sixth hour it was dark over all land till the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus gave a loud cry. My God, my God, why are you turned away from me, and gave up his spirit. Now the captain and those who were with him watching Jesus, when they saw the earth-shock and the things which were done, were in great fear and said, truly this was a son of God.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Diary 3, p. 53)

All crosses are healing! So we have also received a quite crucial one, through the illness of a young sister.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD III, 20,2)

Oh Lord, I wish I could always burn ardently for love of You and inflame everyone. May I be a burning fire, Oh God, and a flaming torch! Oh God, through the merits of Your crucified Son, hear me!

13. Station: Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Gospel of John: (Joh 19:31)

Now it was the day of getting ready for the Passover, and so that the bodies might not be on the cross on the Sabbath because the day of that Sabbath was a great day, the Jews made a request to Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Diary 3, p. 80)

Venerable Father came and spoke about mutual love. We are to think of the Calvary. The greatest cross would be to become downhearted.

Words of Father Jordan: (SD II, 50,1)

For the sake of the Crucified Savior, never let yourself be depressed by any circumstances, but work ceaselessly for your own sanctification and for that of others, trusting firmly in Him, who can do all things. Do not waste a minute.

14. Station: Jesus Is Placed in the Sepulcher

V: We adore You, Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

We read in the Gospel of Luke: (Lk 23: 50-53.55)

Now there was a man named Joseph, a man of authority and a good and upright man. This man went to Pilate and made a request for the body of Jesus. And he took it down and folding it in a linen cloth, he put it in a place cut in the rock for a dead body; and no one had ever been put in it. And the women who had come with him from Galilee went after him and saw the place and how his body had been put to rest.

Mary of the Apostles writes: (Diary 3, p. 63)

Crosses are particularly salutary in the hand of God.

Words of Father Jordan: (on his deathbed).

The mild Lord is so good! Providence has its ways. You just have to be careful not to cross them; your ways are not my ways; some lost patience and stopped halfway; if you persevere, a solution will come in the end.

Closing Prayer:

V: Your death, O Lord, we proclaim.

A: and your resurrection we praise, until you come in glory.

Lord, Jesus Christ! We are looking for transitions to life - to life in fullness, to life in health and fulfillment of meaning, to life in community and aloneness, to life in work and meaningful occupation, to life in mindfulness before creation, to life in faithful expectation and hope for life.

Bridges we seek -

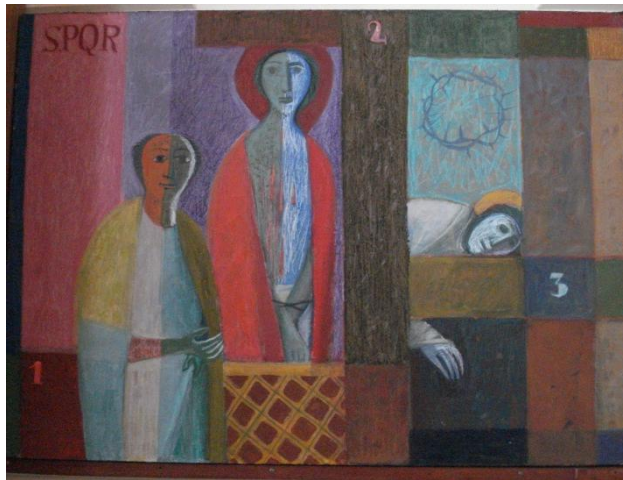
bridges to ourselves,

bridges to people,

bridges to our earth,

bridges to you, Lord.

Help us to become comforted and healed people who believe in the resurrection and proclaim this faith.



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