Reflective
Stations of the Cross
2014
Based upon the
Diary of St. Faustina
Opening Prayer

Merciful Jesus, my Master, I desire to follow you in fidelity and imitate you each day with more perfection. For this reason I beg you, that through the meditation of your Passion, I may receive the grace of understanding each day with more perfection, the mysteries of the spiritual life.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, always faithful to Christ, guide me through the steps of the sorrowful passion of your Son and grant me the necessary graces so that this Way of the Cross may be fruitful in my heart. Amen.
Sung:
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Prayer together:
Merciful Jesus, help me accept each human judgment; do not ever allow me to judge you when judging my neighbor. Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when they sent Him to His death?
Were you there when they sent Him to His death?
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they sent Him to His death?
Prayer together:
Merciful Jesus, teach me to appreciate the difficulties of life, sickness, each suffering, and with love take up my daily cross.
Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when He bore the heavy cross?
Were you there when He bore the heavy cross? 
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He bore the heavy cross?
Prayer together:
Merciful Lord, keep me from any infidelity, even the smallest one.
Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when He fell beneath its weight?
Were you there when He fell beneath its weight?
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He fell beneath its weight?
Prayer together:
Mary, Mother of Mercy, be always with me, especially in suffering, in the same way that you were present in your Son’s way of the Cross. Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when He met His Mother there?
Were you there when He met His Mother there?
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He met His Mother there?
Prayer together:
Jesus, may each thought, each word, each activity be done only for love of you. Purify my intentions. Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when they called for Simon’s help?
Were you there when they called for Simon’s help?
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they called for Simon’s help?
Prayer together:
Lord Jesus, My Master,
make my eyes, my hands, my mouth,
my heart, merciful.
Transform me into your Mercy. Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when
Veronica wiped His face?
Were you there when
Veronica wiped His face?
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when
Veronica wiped His face?
Prayer together:
May I lean on your grace, Lord, so that I may not fall continuously on the same errors; and if I fall, help me rise and glorify your Mercy. Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when He fell a second time?
Were you there when He fell a second time?
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He fell a second time?
Prayer together:
Merciful Lord, thank you for Holy Baptism and the grace of faith. I call you again: Lord, I believe, increase my faith! Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when the women wept for Him? Were you there when the women wept for Him? Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the women wept for Him?
Prayer together:
Merciful Lord, I give you everything that is my exclusive property, that is, sin and human frailty. I beg you, that my misery may be drowned in your unfathomable Mercy. Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when He fell yet once again?
Were you there when He fell yet once again?
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He fell yet once again?
Prayer together:
Jesus, meek and humble of heart, transform my heart according to your Heart. Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when they stripped Him of His clothes?
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they stripped Him of His clothes?
Prayer together:
Oh purest Love, reign in all your plenitude in my heart, and allow me to love more than what human measure allows me to. Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Prayer together:
Jesus, my Savior, hide me in the depths of Your Heart, so that nourished by your grace, I may be able to be like you in the love for the cross and in the participation of Your glory. Amen.

Nothing Sung after this Station
Prayer together:
Jesus, multiply in me each day the trust in Your Mercy, so that always and everywhere I may be a witness of your goodness and infinite love. Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when they took His Body down?
Were you there when they took His Body down?
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they took His Body down?
Prayer together:
My Jesus, my only hope, I am grateful for this great book you have opened before the eyes of my soul. This great book is your Passion you have confronted out of love for me. From this book I have learned how to love God and souls. Inexhaustible treasures are stored in it (...) Oh Jesus, how few souls understand you in your martyrdom of love (...) Happy the soul that has understood the love from the Heart of Jesus. Amen.

Sung:
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Novena to the Divine Mercy

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.