



### Concluding Prayer

Lord Jesus, I thank you for allowing me the privilege of walking beside you throughout these fourteen Stations of the Cross. You came to earth to do the will of your Father, but did not permit your equality with him to prevent you from experiencing all that is human. You emptied yourself instead, assuming the lowest place among us, becoming obedient to the point of dying a most horrific and agonizing death on the cross. The physical, emotional and spiritual agony you endured is unimaginable, and although it saddens me when I reflect on it, I am nonetheless inspired by the love that enabled you to suffer so selflessly on my behalf.

Holy women and men throughout the centuries have followed your way of love, many giving up their own lives in fidelity to you. You have not asked me to be a martyr, but you said in no uncertain terms that in following you, I would have my own cross to bear. You also said, however, that in you, I would find rest for my soul, and weak and sinful though I am, your love for me gives me comfort, courage and strength.

You Lord, are my light and my strength and without you, my life has no meaning. As I have walked with you today, please remain by my side so I can know you better and love you more, until such time when I shall pass from this life into your loving embrace for all eternity.

I ask all these things in your name, Jesus, my Lord and Savior, and thank you with all my heart. Amen.