



# The Way of the Cross

## *“Angels – Messengers of God”*

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### **Introduction**

Lord Jesus, we walk with You on the way of the cross.  
In our community there are those who are weaker and those who are stronger.  
There are parents tired from constant care.  
There are friends learning patient love.

We believe that God sends angels.  
Sometimes you can see their wings,  
and sometimes they have the face of a mother, a father, a therapist, a friend.

We want to see angels on Your way —  
and on ours.

**Community response after each station:**  
*“Lord, send us Your angel.”*

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### **I. Jesus Is Condemned to Death**

Jesus, You are unjustly judged.  
People shout.  
No one defends You.

How much it hurts when someone sees not the good,  
but only weakness.  
When they look only at the surface.

Beside You stands the Angel of Truth.  
He knows who You are.

When we are misunderstood.  
When we feel judged.

In moments when we feel misunderstood —  
**All:** *Lord, send us Your angel.*

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## II. Jesus Takes Up His Cross

You take up the cross without rebellion.  
You accept it with love.

Parents also take up their cross —  
they did not choose it,  
yet each day they say “yes” to their child.

Our cross may be illness,  
fatigue, parents’ anxiety about their children’s future.

The Angel of Strength stands beside us and helps us take the next step.

When we are weary of daily life —  
**All: Lord, send us Your angel.**

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## III. The First Fall

You fall.  
The cross crushes You.  
Helplessness hurts.  
The thought hurts: “I can’t go on.”

The Angel of Hope bends down over You  
and helps You rise.

We also fall; not everything goes well for us.  
Sometimes we feel helpless.

When we feel something is beyond us —  
**All: Lord, send us Your angel.**

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## IV. Jesus Meets His Mother

Mary looks at You.  
She says little; Her presence gives strength.  
Her heart breaks, yet She does not leave.  
The silence between You speaks more than words.

Every mother and father knows that look —  
a love that remains no matter what.

The Angel of Tenderness is between You.  
In silence, strength is born.

For the love of parents —  
**All: Lord, send us Your angel.**

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## V. Simon Helps Carry the Cross

Simon did not plan to help,  
but he stopped.  
He took the cross.

This is how goodness is born.  
This is how community is born.

In our community there are also such Simons —  
friends, volunteers, siblings.

The Angel of Help touches their hearts.

When we learn to receive and to give help —  
**All: Lord, send us Your angel.**

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## VI. Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

A small gesture. A cloth. Courage.  
Veronica steps forward bravely  
and wipes Your face.

In our community  
small things are great —  
a smile, patience, a kind word.

The Angel of Kindness works through simple deeds.

When we want to be sensitive and compassionate —  
**All: Lord, send us Your angel.**

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## VII. The Second Fall

Jesus, You fall again. The road is long.  
In life, weariness returns.  
Problems do not disappear at once.

So it is in family life —  
after one hardship comes another.

The Angel of Perseverance stands close  
and does not let hope be lost.

In moments of long-lasting fatigue —  
**All: Lord, send us Your angel.**

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## VIII. Jesus Meets the Weeping Women

You see their tears.  
 You stop.  
 You think of others despite Your own pain.

In our community there are tears too —  
 sometimes hidden.

The Angel of Compassion gathers every tear.  
 Not one is wasted.

When our hearts weep —  
**All: Lord, send us Your angel.**

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## IX. The Third Fall

You fall for the third time.  
 This is a decisive moment.  
 The body is weak.

Sometimes we too feel we have no strength left,  
 that everything is too difficult,  
 that we cannot go on.

The Angel of Light keeps watch in silence  
 and reminds us that night does not last forever.

In moments of powerlessness —  
**All: Lord, send us Your angel.**

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## X. Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

Jesus, You are stripped of everything,  
 deprived of dignity in the eyes of people.  
 Yet Your dignity comes from the Father.

Every person is fragile.  
 Every person needs respect.

The Angel of Dignity reminds us:  
 “You are priceless in God’s eyes.”

When we feel small —  
**All: Lord, send us Your angel.**

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## XI. Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

The pain is immense.  
Your hands are outstretched in love.

The Angel of Faithfulness remains with You.  
He does not flee.

In suffering, presence matters most.

When we are afraid of pain —  
**All:** Lord, send us Your angel.

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## XII. The Death of Jesus

Jesus, You entrust Your life to the Father.  
You say: “It is finished.”  
Silence falls.

This is not defeat.  
It is the victory of Love.

The Angel of Peace receives Your spirit.  
Love triumphs.

In moments of farewell and mourning —  
**All:** Lord, send us Your angel.

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## XIII. Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross

Your body rests in Your Mother’s arms.  
Her heart suffers.

The Angel of Consolation is with Her.

In our communities there is suffering too,  
but we are not alone.

God, embrace all mothers and fathers  
who carry fear and weariness in their hearts.

**All:** Lord, send us Your angel.

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## XIV. Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

A stone closes the tomb.  
Silence seems final.

But at the tomb the Angel of Hope keeps watch.  
He knows that the morning of resurrection will come.

In our community we believe  
that love is stronger than everything.

Make us, Jesus, Your angels —  
at home, at work, among friends.

**All:** Lord, send us Your angel.

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