

STABAT MATER (Stations of the Cross)

1. Sorrowful, weeping stood the Mother by the cross on which hung her Son.
2. Whose soul, mournful, sad, lamenting, was pierced by a sword.
3. Oh how sad, how afflicted was that blessed Mother of the Only-begotten.
4. How did she mourn and lament, loving Mother, while she saw the torment of her divine Son.
5. What man would not weep if he saw the mother of Christ in such sorrow?
6. Who would not mourn with her, beholding Christ's mother mourning with her Son.
7. For the sins of her race, she sees Jesus in torments and subjected to scourges.
8. She sees her dear Son dying in anguish, as he gives up the ghost.
9. O Mother, fount of love, make me feel the strength of thy sorrow, that I may mourn with thee.
10. Make my heart burn with love for Christ my God, that I may please him.
11. Holy Mother, do this: fix the wounds of the Crucified firmly in my heart.
12. Share with me the pain of thy wounded Son, Who deigns to bear so much for me.
13. While I shall live, make me dutifully weep with thee, [make me] suffer with the Crucified.
14. I desire to stand beside the cross with thee, and to unite myself with thee in lamentation.
15. Foremost virgin of virgins, be not harsh to me now: make me weep with thee.
16. Make me a bearer of the death of Christ, make me a sharer in [his] Passion and to ponder his wounds.
17. Make me be wounded by [his] wounds, make me be inebriated with the cross and the blood of [thy] Son.
18. That I may not burn in flames, may I be protected by thee, holy Virgin, at the day of judgment.
19. Christ, when I depart from here, grant that through Thy Mother, I may gain the palm of victory.
20. When the body dies, grant that my soul may enter the glory of paradise.