

Third Station - Jesus Falls the First Time

V: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.
 Â Â Â Adoremus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi.

R: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.
 Â Â Â Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemisti mundum.

Â

V: Consider the first fall of Jesus. Loss of blood from the scourging and crowning with thorns has so weakened Him that He could hardly walk; and yet He had to carry that great load upon His shoulders. As the soldiers struck Him cruelly, He fell several times under the heavy cross.

R: My beloved Jesus,
 Â Â Â it was not the weight of the cross
 Â Â Â but the weight of my sins which made You suffer so much.
 Â Â Â By the merits of this first fall,
 Â Â Â Save me from falling into mortal sin.
 Â Â Â I love You, O my Jesus, with all my heart;
 Â Â Â I am sorry that I have offended You.
 Â Â Â May I never offend You again.
 Â Â Â Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father)

Christ above in torment hangs,Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â
 She beneath beholds the pangsÂ Â Â Â Â Â Â Â
 Of her dying, glorious Son.Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â

Quae moerebat, et dolebat,
 Pia Mater, dum videbat
 Nati poenas inclyti.

Fourth Station