

PRECES STATIONUM

Orationes Præparatoriæ

When the Way of the Cross (Via Crucis) is said publicly, the priest-celebrant, vested in surplice and a violet stole, processes to the altar accompanied by two servers in surplice carrying candles, and a cross-bearer. The celebrant bows low before the cross (or genuflects before the Most Blessed Sacrament) and kneels to say some or all of the following preparatory prayers. The servers and cross-bearer remain standing.

SIGNUM CRUCIS

In nómine Patris, et Fílii, †
et Spíritus Sancti. Amen.

Dómine, labia mea apéries.

Et os meum annuntiábit laudem tuam.

Deus, in adiutórium meum inténde.

Dómine, ad adiuvándum me festína.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spíritui Sancto.

**Sicut erat in princípío et nunc et semper
et in saécula sæculorum. Amen.**

COLLECTA

Domine Iesu Christe, tu tam amanter hanc viam ingressus es, ut mortem pro me obires; ego vero multoties eo deveni, ut te contemnerem. Nunc autem ex tota anima mea amo te, et quia te amo, pænitet me ex intimo corde quod tibi displicui. Ignosce mihi, et patere ut in hac via me tibi comitem adiungam. Tu, amore mei ductus, pergis ad locum ubi pro me moriturus es, et ego vicissim, tui amore ductus, desidero te comitari, ut una tecum, amantissime Redemptor, moriar. O mi Iesu, volo coniunctim tecum et vivere et mori.

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PRAYERS FOR THE STATIONS

Prayers in Preparation

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SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, †
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall declare Your praise.

O God, come to my assistance.

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

COLLECT

My Lord Jesus Christ, You have made this journey to die for me with love unutterable, and I have so many times unworthily abandoned You; but now I love You with my whole heart, and because I love You I repent sincerely for having ever offended You. Pardon me, my God, and permit me to accompany You on this journey. You go to die for love of me; I wish also, my beloved Redeemer, to die for love of You. O my Jesus, I will live and die always united to You.

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