Closing Prayer to Jesus on the Cross

My good Jesus, as I kneel before You looking at Your Wounds, I ask You to help me believe in You, hope in You, and love You. Help me to be sorry for my sins which caused You so much pain.

Teacher and Students kneel at the altar rail:

Stations of the Cross

Adapted for kids from the work of St. Alphonsus Liguori
Teacher:  We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: The friends of Jesus carry His body to the tomb. Our Blessed Mother arranges His body with her own hands. They close the tomb and they all leave.

Students: O my Jesus buried in the tomb, I know that You will rise from the dead on the third day. One day, I hope I will be in heaven with You to love You forever.

♪ Sing ♫

Virgin of all virgins blest
Listen to my fond request
Let me share your grief divine.
Fourteenth Station

Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

Beginning Prayer

Teacher and Students kneel at the altar rail:

My Lord Jesus, You go to die for love of me. Please let me come with You on your way. My Jesus, I will try to live and die always close to You.

♪ Sing ♫

At the cross her station keeping
Stood the mournful Mother weeping
Close to Jesus to the last.
Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: After Jesus’ death, His friends take Him down from the cross and put Him in His mother’s arms. Mary holds Him close to her.

Students: O Mother of Sorrows, let me be Your child and pray to Jesus for me. Jesus my redeemer, allow me to love You always.

♪ Sing ♫

By the cross with you to stay
There with you to weep and pray
Is all I ask of you to give.
Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: We look at the picture of Jesus. The soldiers beat Jesus with whips and crown Him with thorns. Then Pilate condemns Jesus to die on the cross.

Students: My Jesus, I know that it was really my sins, not Pilate, that made You die. I am so sorry for all my sins. Help me to love You always.

♪ Sing ♫

Through her heart, His sorrow sharing
All His bitter anguish bearing
Now at length the sword has passed.
Second Station

Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: Think about how Jesus suffered in so much pain on the cross for three hours. Finally, He bows his head and dies.

Students: My dying Jesus, I would like to kiss the cross as You are dying. I am sorry for my sins. Please let me always love You.

♪ Sing ♫

Let me mingle tears with thee
Mourning Him who mourned for me
All the days that I may live.
Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: Jesus accepts His cross. He is thinking of us as He offers His death to His Father.

Students: My beloved Jesus, I will accept all the sufferings You send to me. Never let me separate myself from You. Help me to love You always.

🎶 Sing 🎶

O how sad and sore distressed
Was that Mother highly blessed
Of the sole Begotten One.
Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: The soldiers throw Jesus down on the cross. Jesus stretches out His arms and the soldiers nail his hands and feet to the cross.

Students: My Jesus, so many people did not love You. Please help me to always love You and never again to leave You by my sins.

♪ Sing ♫
Let me share with you His pain
Who for all our sins was slain
Who for me in torments died.
Eleventh Station

Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: Jesus has lost so much blood and is so weak He can hardly walk. He falls the first time because the cross is so heavy.

Students: My beloved Jesus, help me to remember that it is my sins that made you suffer so much. I am sorry for all my sins. Help me to love You always.

♪ Sing ♫

Christ above in torment hangs
She beneath beholds the pangs
Of her dying, glorious Son.
Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: While Jesus carries His cross, His clothes stick to the wounds caused by the whips. The soldiers rip off His clothes which open all of His wounds again.

Students: My Jesus, You were so pure and free of all sin, but You were treated so cruelly. Help me to love You and not the things of this world.

♪ Sing ♫

Holy Mother, pierce me through
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Savior crucified.
Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: Think about how sad Mother Mary is at seeing her son as He was on His way to die. They love each other so much!

Students: My loving Jesus, help me to love Your holy Mother. Mother Mary, help me to love your Son Jesus.

♪ Sing ♫

Is there one who would not weep ‘whelmed in miseries so deep
Christ’s dear mother to behold.
Fifth Station

Teacher:  We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: The cruel soldiers try to make Jesus hurry but Jesus is very weak. He hardly has the strength to move. He falls for the third time.

Students: My Jesus, You lost so much blood and were so weak but still You had to carry Your cross. Help me to be strong in fighting sin. Help me to love You always.

♫ Sing ♫

Make me feel as you have felt
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ, my Lord.
Ninth Station

Jesus Falls the Third Time

Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: The soldiers are afraid that Jesus will die before they can nail him to the cross. They force Simon of Cyrene to help Our Lord carry His cross.

Students: My beloved Jesus, help me always to embrace the crosses you send me. I unite my sufferings to yours. I love you Jesus. I am sorry for my sins.

♪ Sing ♫

Can the human heart refrain From partaking in her pain In that Mother's pain untold?
Sixth Station

Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: Jesus meets some kind women along the way. They are crying because they are so sorry to see Jesus dripping with blood as He goes to die for us.

Students: My Jesus, you suffered so much. I am sorry for all my sins because I love You and my sins made You sad. Never allow me to sin against You again.

♫ Sing ♫

O sweet Mother! Fount of Love
Touch my spirit from above
Make my heart with yours accord.
Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: St. Veronica feels so sorry for Jesus when she sees his face covered in blood. She gives Jesus her veil to wipe His face. Jesus leaves the image of His face on her veil.

Students: My beloved Jesus, your beautiful face was covered with wounds and blood. Help me always to keep my soul beautiful and free of sin.

♪ Sing ♫

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled
She beheld her tender Child,
All with bloody scourges rent.
Teacher: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (All genuflect.)

Students: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. (All rise.)

Teacher: Jesus falls a second time. This makes all his wounds hurt even worse. He suffered so much for love of us.

Students: My most gentle Jesus, I have fallen many times by committing sins against You. I am sorry that I have ever offended You. Help me always to pray to You when I am tempted to sin.

♪ Sing ♫

For the sins of His own nation
Saw Him hang in desolation
Till His spirit forth He sent.