

Jesus is condemned to Die
Poverty Condemns people to Migrate.

"Pilate, determined to make people happy, released Barabbas to Jesus and delivered him to be flogged and crucified." Mark 15:15

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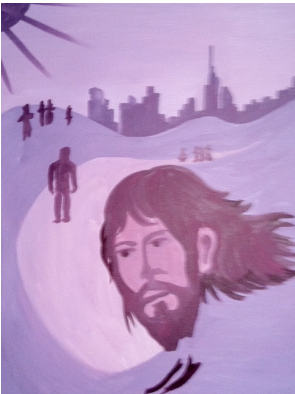
The situation of poverty being experienced in our world is the cause of the immigration for our brothers and sisters. In their home country they are not able to find the space to develop opportunities and achieve personal, social, family, and professional goals. Violence, and social, economic, and political discrimination force people to leave their country of origin. As a human, Jesus lived the suffering and instability of living away from his homeland. As people of faith, we must find concrete ways of transforming the unjust realities, so that no human being feels compelled to migrate.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you knew the bitterness of immigration, give us a sense of solidarity to welcome migrants who walk looking for a better future.

First Station

Second Station
to Calvary
out of necessity:



Jesus carries the Cross
The immigrant leaves
Exodus from the

countryside to the city for lack of land and opportunities.

"They took him, and he went out carrying the cross himself, to a place called The Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha." John 19:17

Meditation

Our brother and sister immigrants seeking work and a better future for themselves and their families are forced to journey to other lands to simply put food on the table. Most of the time the immigrant is not welcome in a new land, much like Jesus was not welcomed by many here on earth. The lack of an equitable distribution of land assets, gives thousands of people to despair. Internal immigration and abroad, the imigrant is forced to carry the cross of abuse, loneliness, discrimination, racism, Xenophobia, exploitation and restrictive immigration policies and laws.

Prayer

Jesus, with our immigrant brothers, we carry this cross with love, remembering that one day we will be with you in paradise.



Fourth Station

Jesus Meets His Mother
Your mother loves you. Women: A Mystery of Life

"And Simeon blessed them and said unto Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed

so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed- and a sword will pierce our own soul too.” Luke 2:34-35

Meditation

Poverty has a specific face in women. The numbers of immigrant women in our country has increased. They are domestic workers and nannies. Many women seek a job in the big cities or abroad, forcing them to separate from husbands, children, and relatives for many years. The adults or adult children who are left behind become parents having to be both the mother and father in the household. To look into the eyes of these women is to remember the look of sadness of Mary when she saw her son Jesus suffer.

Prayer

Thank God for Mary, who was with Jesus in good times and bad. Lord God intercede for the immigrant woman who suffers daily from loneliness and separation. Open our hearts to the understanding and love for these women and mothers.



Thirteenth

Station

**Jesus is taken
Shelter for**

**down from the Cross
migrants**

"After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave permission. Then he came and took the body of Jesus. " John 19:38

Meditation

Joseph of Arimathea is concerned with the body of Jesus. So there are many people putting aside their selfishness and personal interests and have decided to form areas and communities to host many men and women who move around the world in search of a better life. These spaces reach out to immigrants in need. Solidarity is a great challenge for the U.S. church and all civil society organizations that profess love for the immigrant. Jesus said "I was a migrant and you welcomed me." Mt 25 May we welcome Jesus as we welcome and provide hospitality for the immigrant.

Prayer

God of Life, give us compassion and help us not forsake our immigrant brothers and sisters. Thank your Lord. Make us able to live in solidarity and hospitality.



Fourteenth Station

Humble thyself Before

**Jesus Buried
your Brother**

"Joseph took the body, wrapped it in clean linen and laid him in his new tomb which he had hewn in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away." Matthew 27: 59-60

Meditation

God's son is buried, has gone beyond all suffering, all humiliation, all

understanding, he has lived love up to the end.

The immigrant ... who is alone, has experienced suffering, all human pain, and has given their life for the extreme love for the family, children, for the dreams and ideals. Because of their extreme love for their family many immigrants will also end up in a tomb, a prison or detention center, where they are separated even further from their families and friends.

Prayer

Lord, do not let anyone or anything separate us from you. Lord help us to stand strong in our faith and not hesitate or falter in our loyalty and trust in your love. Lord, remind us that your love will not fail us so that our spirit will always remain firm in your holy service. Amen



Third Station

Jesus falls for the
The immigrant is
humiliated

"He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. "Isaiah 53:3-5

Meditation

First Time
despised and

There is nothing crueler than being betrayed by people you trusted. Immigrants are betrayed and violated of their fundamentals rights, often by their own countrymen and friends, which results in countless cases of human rights violations toward the immigrant population. They are subjected to arrest and imprisonment, and often times are not paid a fair wage.

Prayer

Oh God! May we also help our brothers and sisters up from their fall, showing trust, understanding and solidarity.



Sixth Station

Veronica
Humiliation
the migrant

wipes the face of Jesus
and Humility accompany

"And I, for my innocence, I'll see your face, waking my joy in your presence."
Psalm 16:15

Meditation

Every Christian is to imitate Veronica by trying to transform his or her own life in images of Christ. We must be against restrictive immigration laws on the grounds of legality that forgets the human dignity. Because of laws that favor the powerful, many of our brothers and sisters suffer. Therefore, it is the duty of us all, like Veronica, to wipe these faces, with a life of witness and great charity. Many immigrants are condemned, like Jesus to die a slow and tough

death in the deserts and borders. The laws should respect human dignity and strictly adhere to the conventions and international treaties.

Prayer

We extend our prayers to Almighty God for all rulers and authorities, that like Veronica they might have compassion on the immigrant and pass laws favorable to the human rights, immigrants, and their families.



Eleventh Station

A Society that Judges

the place that is called the Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.” Luke 23:33

Meditation

We can see in many places how the immigrant, like Jesus, is crucified by discrimination, injustice, exploitation and humiliation.

Each one of us, sons and daughters of God, are to be committed to respect and accommodate the immigrant. The plight of the immigrant motivates us to make the choice for truth and dignity.

**Jesus is crucified
*Immigrants***

"When they came to

Prayer

Lord Jesus, many migrants have been robbed on the road. By your Holy Spirit guide our leaders to govern fairly, fighting always for the welfare of weaker people.



Twelfth Station

**The Cross
*is placed on par with
considered***

**Jesus Dies on
*The immigrant
those that are
insignificant***

"When it was

about the sixth hour there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in half. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, 'Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. And having said this he breathed his last breathe." Luke 23:44-46

Meditation

Jesus dies due to the indifference and total disregard of others. Jesus dies screaming his grief and abandonment.

In this season we remember so many immigrants die each day in the border by bullets and dehydration. Other immigrants die in prison, ignored and whose only identity is xx.

Immigrants die on the streets without jobs, health, or rights. Immigrants die in many ways, shapes and styles. Because they have crucified their hands, feet, and their rights to speak and defend themselves.

Prayer

Lord, who knew the bitterness of immigration, give us a sense of solidarity to welcome families and not to violate the dignity of any human being with an attitude of selfishness and indifference.

Fifth Station

**Jesus Carry
Globalising
Immigrants**



**Simon of Cyrene Helps
the Cross
Solidarity with**

"Outside they found a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and forced him to carry the cross." Matthew 27:32

Meditation

Jesus is present in every migrant who is forced to carry the cross of unjust immigration laws, and listed as a criminal for seeking a better future.

On the road of immigrants there are many false friends who in a gesture of friendship or friendly words, betray and take advantage of the situation by leading to crime, forced prostitution, and labor exploitation (trafficking).

We all need to help immigrants just as Simon helped Jesus. In many places of immigration people are willing to help selflessly, forming shelters, soup kitchens, and places where immigrants can find work. Let us open our hearts to our fellow immigrants.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, allow that in the bottom of our hearts we can be a loving

presence to our weaker brethren. May your spirit help us meet the needs of our neighbors and sacrifice our time to meet the needs of immigrants with love.

Eighth Station

**Jesus speaks to the faithful
Mom, don't Cry for me, I will**



**women
be back soon**
"And there followed
people and of

him a great multitude of women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children." Luke 23:27-28

Meditation

"Mother, today, for I all you have done for me I will live to thank you. I go now and I'd rather not look back, because I want to find and forge a new path. Let me go without seeing you suffer, I'm going but you are always with me and I in you, but if God permits, I will return soon." These are the hard and sincere words that children speak to their mothers before they go. Wives also hear the parting words like these that tear the heart.

Prayer

Lord we ask you for intercession of each mother. Enlighten the path and the hearts of the children and parents who have to leave out of necessity. Give them strength to overcome difficulties that are present in other lands.

Ninth Station

time *Migrants*

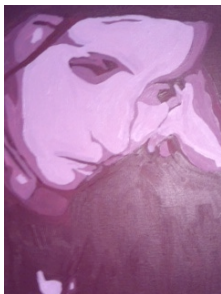
"Come unto me all
heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Meditation

The face of immigrants reflect the harsh reality that is their life. There is nostalgia for the things they left behind; their identity, their culture, their customs, their religious values. Jesus gives a sublime testimony and invites us to experience the love of those who suffer. True solidarity is a means of recognizing, understanding, friendship, support and fighting for justice and truth.

Prayer

God of life, we ask that you protect your sons and daughters who are immigrants on their way, full of risks and hazards. Help them overcome obstacles and find a decent job, get up again, and move on.



Jesus falls the third *The Human Face of*

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Tenth Station

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments *Violation of Human Rights and Human Trafficking*

"After the crucifixion, his clothes were distributed by lot and he sat there covering himself." Matthew 27:35-36

Meditation

The body of many immigrant, men, women and children, are often business objects to be sold and trafficked by criminal groups (smugglers) who operate with impunity in the transit countries of immigrants. Many suffer physical and sexual abuse, are forced into prostitution and unworthy work. They are stripped of their rights, their belongings, and even their lives. Like Jesus, boys and girls are battered reflections of our evil world.

Prayer

Jesus, deliver us from the temptations of pornography and immorality. Clean our anxious hearts from earthly pleasures. Stop the desire for profit and goods made at any price and give us a decent heart like yours.



Seventh Station

Jesus falls the Second Time

Refugees and Displaced Victims of Persecution

"All we like sheep had all gone astray, we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6

Meditation

The Lord has laid on his shoulders the suffering of those who, by their political, ideological and religious violence or simply by being persecuted, were forced to leave their homelands. God became an immigrant in this world through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When here on earth his family was forced to immigrate due to political persecution. When here on earth Jesus too was persecuted. Globalization has opened the borders to markets. However, it prevents the free movement of persons across borders and hinders access to basic rights of human beings who work to create our global economy. Let us fight for a world without borders to all migrants.

Prayer

We ask Lord, like the family of Nazareth, who knew the bitterness of forced migration, to give us also a sense of solidarity to welcome the families who walk looking for a better future.

