

The Way of the Cross Raccolta #194

The faithful who with at least a contrite heart, whether singly or in company, perform the pious exercise of the **Way of the Cross**, when the latter has been legitimately erected according to the prescriptions of the Holy See, may gain (in a Church):

- *A Plenary Indulgence as often as they perform the same;
- *Another Plenary Indulgence, if they receive Holy Communion on the same day, or even within a month after having made the Stations ten times;
- *An Indulgence of 10 years for each station, if for some reasonable cause they are unable to complete the entire Way of the Cross.

The same indulgences are valid for the following:

- A) Those at sea, prisoners, sick persons and those who live in pagan countries, as well as those who are lawfully hindered from making the Stations in their ordinary form, provided that they hold in their hand a Crucifix, blessed for this purpose by a Priest with the proper faculties, and recite devoutly with a contrite heart and with a pious reflection on the Passion of our Lord, the **Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be**, twenty times, namely one for each Station, five in honor of the five sacred Wounds of our Lord and one for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff. If reasonably prevented from saying all, they are entitled to a partial indulgence of 10 years for each recitation of **Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be**.
- B) The sick who on account of their condition cannot without serious inconvenience or difficulty perform the Way of the Cross in its ordinary form or in the shorter form described in paragraph A), may gain all the indulgences, provided that they devoutly and contritely kiss, or at least fix their eyes upon a Crucifix, duly blessed for this purpose, which is held before them by a priest or some other person, and recite , if possible, some short prayer or ejaculation in memory of the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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On any Friday of any week, if the **Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be** are devoutly recited seven times before an image of our Lord Jesus Christ Crucified, the faithful may gain:

- *An indulgence of 7 years;
- *A Plenary Indulgence on the usual conditions, provided that these devout prayers have been recited on all the Fridays of the month (S. C. Ind., Aug. 4, 1837; S. P. Ap., Mar. 10, 1933).