

Reflection on Mary's Way of the Cross—Written by Julie Buehler

1. **Jesus is condemned.** Why can't they see what I see? Your only goal; to do your Father's will. Remind me when I suffer for righteousness, it's for God.
2. **Jesus Takes His Cross.** You didn't ask for this - so heavy the burden. You bear it with strength. Give me strength to get through life's trials.
3. **Jesus Falls the First Time.** I want to pick you up, to cradle you in my arms. Help me help others who stumble.
4. **Jesus Meets His Mother, Mary.** You see my pain and I yours. My heart aches, but you know the greater good. Help me see what you see.
5. **Simon Helps to Carry Jesus' Cross.** Finally, someone to help you. When the burden is too great you are always there to carry me. Remind me no burden is too great with you by my side.
6. **Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus.** Someone to wipe your beautiful, precious face. Help me see the beauty inside others.
7. **Jesus Falls the Second Time.** You are so strong. You stumble, but you get back up. Let me be strong when I stumble.
8. **Jesus Speaks to the Women and Children.** Always thinking of others. Who's thinking of you? I am. Let your word always be in my mind, in my heart, and on my lips.
9. **Jesus Falls a Third Time.** I want to scream out that the weight is too much! Who would listen? Who would care? Make me listen attentively to your will.
10. **Jesus is Stripped of His Garments.** Naked. Just as you came into this world when I cuddled you close to my heart. Open my heart to your love
11. **Jesus Crucified.** No! How can they take your life? I would rather die than see you suffer. Give me your strength in the face of tragedy.
12. **Jesus Dies on the Cross.** Bitter agony, sweet relief. You suffer no more. My heart is empty. Fill my heart with your love.
13. **Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross.** Helpless is your body now, like when you were a baby and I carried you. Let me carry your word now.
14. **Jesus is Laid in the Tomb.** It's cold and dark in that tomb. This shouldn't be. How can this be that you are no longer here with me? Let me feel your presence always.
15. **Jesus is Risen.** Alleluia! My heart soars on the wings of a dove. You are here always and forever.

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