# JPIC: Love the Lord, Love His Kingdom, Love the Earth Stations of the Cross

# First Station: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

May we, O Lord, pray with you in the Garden of Gethsemane, and raise up to our heavenly Father, all those who suffer.

### Second Station: Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested

May we commit ourselves to keeping your holy word and never betray the mission for which you sent us, always remembering to carry your divine love to those who suffer.

# Third Station: Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin

May we remember all of the children of the world who are separated from their parents or other loving caretakers, frightened and alone. Console them, dear Lord, and send consolers to them wherever they are.

#### Fourth Station: Jesus is Denied by Peter

Help us to open our eyes and hearts, Lord, and see those without shelter, living on our streets, finding food where they can. Teach us to see them with your divine eyes of love and serve them.

### Fifth Station: Jesus is Judged by Pilate

May we remember all those who have been incarcerated and hold them in prayer, share the gospel with them, and bring them God's hope.

#### Sixth Station: Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

May we keep in our hearts the victims of war, currently raging, and those who carry the scars of war. Surround them with your love, dear Lord, and encourage those you send to comfort and care for them.

#### **Seventh Station: Jesus Bears the Cross**

May all those who are forced to leave their homelands and migrate to distant places find hospitality and a home in new lands.

#### **Eighth Station: Jesus is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian to Carry the Cross**

Protect those, O Lord, who help to carry the cross of those who suffer. Guide them, encourage them, and sustain them.

# Ninth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

May we encounter everyone as a child of God, seeing Christ's light within them, honoring them as a member of the human family.

# **Tenth Station: Jesus is Crucified**

May we embrace our sacred duty to care for the earth, our common home, and all of God's creations in the animal and plant kingdoms.

## **Eleventh Station: Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief**

May we remember, always, the poor and needy, following your teaching that what we do for them, we do for you.

### Twelfth Station: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple

St. Francis placed his order under the guidance and protection of Mary, the Holy Mother. May we revere her and hold her always in our hearts and prayers.

## **Thirteenth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross**

May we surrender our will to your holy will, Lord, and do what you would have us do to honor your kingdom on earth as in heaven, seeking justice, peace, and caring for creation.

### Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

May we never succumb to despair, but always remember the teachings of the gospel, letting them guide us as we encounter the world, and taking the pain of the world to the heart of Jesus, where he surrounds it in love. Hope, then, is born. Gospel to life, and life back to the gospel.

The Resurrection Praise, glory and honor to you, our Lord, Savior of the world. For by your cross and resurrection, You have set us free.

Peace and All Good, dear Sisters and Brothers, as we journey through Lent, pray the Triduum, and celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday. May we continue to seek God's guidance to do what he would have us do and be who he would have us be.

Patricia Grace, OFS JPIC Animator St. Francis Region