

A Spiritual Journey of Forty Five Stations To the Cross  
From Deacon Chris

Holy Thursday

**Forty Fourth Station:** His sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.”

R/ “Because by your holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading

Luke Chapter 22 verses 39 to 46

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Reflection

Our Lord is praying to his Father and the way in which St. Luke describes this event cannot be more vivid. It demonstrates the human nature of our Lord whose sweat appears like great drops of blood. Not drops of blood but **great** drops of blood. It is easy for us to imagine what must be going through Jesus’ mind. He sees the climax of a battle that will look like defeat. That will look like he has failed his Father. He can see the ridicule. He can see the scourging; his flesh being torn from him. He can see the end result. An angel comes to him to give him strength.

Our Lord prays many times in Luke’s account. If anything is going to happen, he prays. We should do our best to follow his example. He didn’t use formal prayers in his agony. He spoke to his Father using plain language.

Our Father.

Hail Mary.

Glory be.

I love you, Jesus, my love, above all things, I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always; and then do with me what you will.