

Devotion to St. Joseph



Opening Hymn: O, Blessed St. Joseph

Opening Prayer:

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: REMEMBER, O most illustrious Patriarch St. Joseph, on the testimony of St. Teresa, thy devoted client, never hath it been heard that anyone who has invoked thy protection or sought thy mediation has not obtained relief. In this confidence I come before thee, my loving protector, chaste Spouse of Mary, Foster-father of the Savior of men and dispenser of the treasures of His Sacred Heart. Despise not my earnest prayer but graciously hear and obtain my petition.

Mention your request:

Novena Prayer:

To you, O blessed **Joseph**,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father,
ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector,
be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness;
and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die holily, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Prayer for Protection:

Gracious St. Joseph, protect me and my family from all evil as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us

ever united in the love of Christ, ever fervent in imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse, and always faithful in devotion to you. Amen.

Petitions for Families:

V/ Lord, have mercy.
R/ *Lord, have mercy.*

V/ Christ, have mercy.
R/ *Christ, have mercy.*

V/ Lord, have mercy.
R/ *Lord, have mercy.*

V/ Jesus, hear us.
R/ *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

V/ God, the Father of Heaven,
R/ *have mercy on us.*

V/ God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
R/ *have mercy on us.*

V/ God, the Holy Spirit,
R/ *have mercy on us.*

V/ Holy Trinity, One God,
R/ *have mercy on us.*

R/for ff: *pray for us.*

Holy Mary,
St. Joseph,
Renowned offspring of David,
Light of Patriarchs,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
Foster father of the Son of God,
Diligent protector of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,
Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most strong,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,
Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of artisans,
Glory of home life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Solace of the wretched,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
R/ *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
R/ *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world.
R/ *have mercy on us.*

He made him the lord of his household.
R/ *And prince over all his possessions.*

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

O DEAREST St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honor and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen.

Let us pray. O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever. *R/ Amen.*