



NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Intro Prayer:

Saint Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that we have confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, we come to you as an example for holiness, for you are especially close with God. Therefore, we humbly commend ourselves, with all who are dear to us and all that belong to us, to your intercession. We beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon us during life and to assist us at the hour of our death.

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for us to have a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be our guide, father, and model through life that we may die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, we raise our heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace we now implore:

(Mention your request)

Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel confident that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

Daily Prayer:

DAY 1. ----- MARCH 10

Saint Joseph, we thank God for your privilege of having been chosen by God to be the foster-father of His Divine Son. As a token of your own gratitude to God for this your greatest privilege, obtain for us the grace of a very devoted love for Jesus Christ, our God and Savior. Help us to serve Him with some of the self-sacrificing love and devotion which you had while on this earth with Him. Grant that through your intercession with Jesus, your foster-Son, we may reach the degree of holiness God has destined for us and save our soul.

DAY 2. ----- MARCH 11

Saint Joseph, we thank God for your privilege of being the virginal husband of Mary. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for us the grace to love Jesus with all our heart, as you did, and love Mary with some of the tenderness and loyalty with which you loved her.

DAY 3. ----- MARCH 12

Saint Joseph, we thank God for having made you the man specially chosen by Him. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for us the grace to imitate your virtues so that we too may be pleasing to the Heart of God. Help us to give ourselves entirely to His service and to the accomplishment of His Holy Will, that one day we may reach heaven and be eternally united to God as you are.

DAY 4. ----- MARCH 13

Saint Joseph, we thank God for your privilege of being God's faithful servant. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for us the grace to be a faithful servants of God as you were. Help us to share, as you did, the perfect obedience of Jesus, who came not to do His Will, but the Will of His Father; to trust in the Providence of God, knowing that if we do His Will, He will provide for all our needs of soul and body; to be calm in our trials and to leave it to our Lord to free us from them when it pleases Him to do so. And help us to imitate your generosity, for there can be no greater reward here on earth than the joy and honor of being a faithful servant of God.

DAY 5. ----- MARCH 14

Saint Joseph, we thank God for your privilege of being the Patron of the Church. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for us the grace to live always as a worthy member of this Church, so that through it we may save our soul. Bless the priests, the religious, and the laity of the Catholic Church, that they may ever grow in God's love and faithfulness in His service. Protect the Church from the evils of our day and from the persecution of her enemies. Through your powerful intercession may the church successfully accomplish its mission in this world — the glory of God and the salvation of souls!

DAY 6. ----- MARCH 15

Saint Joseph, we thank God for your privilege of living in the Holy Family and being its head. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain God's blessing upon our own family. Make our home the kingdom of Jesus and Mary — a kingdom of peace, of joy, and love.

DAY 7. ----- MARCH 16

Saint Joseph, we thank God for your privilege of being able to work side by side with Jesus in the carpenter shop of Nazareth. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for us the grace to respect the dignity of labor and ever to be content with the position in life, however lowly, in which it may please Divine Providence to place us. Teach us to work for God and with God in the spirit of humility and prayer, as you did, so that we may offer our toil in union with the sacrifice of Jesus in the Mass as a reparation for our sins, and gain rich merit for heaven.

DAY 8. ----- MARCH 17

Saint Joseph, we thank God for your privilege of being able to suffer for Jesus and Mary. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for us the grace to bear our suffering patiently for love of Jesus and Mary. Grant that we may unite the sufferings, works and disappointments of life with the sacrifice of Jesus in the Mass, and share like you in Mary's spirit of sacrifice.

DAY 9. ----- MARCH 18

Saint Joseph, we thank God for your privilege of being able to die in the arms of Jesus and Mary. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for us the grace of a happy death. Help us to spend each day in preparation for death. May we, too, accept death in the spirit of resignation to God's Holy Will, and die, as you did, in the arms of Jesus, strengthened by Holy Viaticum, and in the arms of Mary, with her rosary in our hands and her name on our lips!

Concluding Prayer:

Remember, most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, my loving protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or asked for your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, we come before you and humbly implore you. Despise not our petitions, foster-father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.



Litany to St. Joseph:

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God our Father in heaven, ***have mercy on us.***
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, ***pray for us.***

Saint 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, you take away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, O Jesus.

Priest/. He made him the lord of his household,
All/. And prince over all his possessions.

Priest/. 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. Amen.