



### **Prayer to Saint Joseph**

To you, O blessed Joseph, / do we come in our afflictions,/ and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, / we confidently invoke your patronage / for our spiritual well-being.

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 to graciously regard / the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, / and, with your power and strength / to help us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, / defend and protect our families, / the chosen children of Jesus Christ, / from all evils; / O most loving father, / keep us away from all forms of false teachings / and corrupting influences / that seek to destroy the Sanctity of human family; / O our most mighty protector, / be kind to us, / and from heaven / assist us in our struggle against the power of darkness.

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 each one of us by your constant protection, / so that, / supported by your example and your assistance,/ we may be able to live as pious children of God the Father; / bear witness to your foster Son Jesus faithfully / by living a virtuous life; / and, at last to die in holiness, / and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. / Amen!

*(Adapted from the prayer composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, *Quamquam pluries*).*