

Novena to Saint Joseph - 2021

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

Opening Prayer:

Leader: Dear brothers and sisters, we are gathered here as children of God before the holy image of Saint Joseph to honor him and implore his intercession for our well-being. God the Father chose Saint Joseph as the foster father of His Son Jesus on earth. And, Jesus grew up in his loving and protecting arms. Let us also place ourselves in his blessed hands, earnestly asking for his powerful intercession for our own protection and the protection of our families, the parish community, and the universal Church from all forms of evils, and particularly from the ongoing Pandemic.

All: O Glorious Saint Joseph, faithful servant of God, to thee do we raise our hearts and hands to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining from the merciful Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the special favor we now implore (*Pause, State your petition(s) here in silence*).

Leader: O Glorious St. Joseph! Through thy love for Jesus and for the glory of His Name,

All: Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

Leader: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

All: Assist us!

Prayer for Men/ Fathers:

Leader: Glorious Saint Joseph, you were blessed and privileged to share in the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus as His Foster-Father along with your spouse Most Blessed Virgin Mary. As a responsible foster-father, you cared for the well-being of the infant Jesus with Mary with a heart full of love and self-sacrifice. You protected them from all adversaries. We place before you all men in our parish community. Intercede God's grace for them that they may imitate your holy virtues. May all the fathers be faithful to their vocation as fathers to love, care, and protect their children, and raise them as good and god-loving Catholic individuals.

All: Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we are confident that your prayers in our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

Prayer for Women/Mothers:

Leader: Glorious Saint Joseph, we honor you as the virtuous husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mother Mary found her edification in your humility, purity, and sanctity. You

merited favors in the eyes of God when you accepted Mary as the Mother of Jesus. As a loyal husband, you embraced many hardships to care for her, protect her, and comfort her. Your love for Mary and Jesus was never diminished despite of all adversaries, because you trusted God fully. Gracious Saint Joseph, we entrust all women of our parish to your gracious patronage. Obtain graces for them to live a holy life. Intercede for all mothers the grace to love God; rejoice at the gift their children; imitate the virtues of Blessed Mother and yours; and, responsibly raise their children in the Catholic faith.

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Prayer for families:

Leader: Glorious Saint Joseph, the patron of families, we venerate you as the gentle head of the Holy Family. Your family life at Nazareth was radiant with the light of divine charity. The intimate union of heart and mind revealed in your closer bond with Jesus, and Mary is an invitation for all families to model theirs' as well. Jesus showed every mark of honor and affection due for parents. Mary displayed all the signs of respect and love of a devoted wife. And, you responded to them with the deepest love and respect. You were the protector, counselor, and consoler of the Holy Family in every need. We ask you to intercede for all our Christian families in our parish; protect them from physical, financial, and other hardships; safeguard them from the moral and spiritual attacks in our society. Make our homes sanctuaries of prayer, love, and sacrifice.

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Prayer for Workers: Glorious Saint Joseph, you devoted your time at Nazareth to the work of a carpenter. It was the Will of God that you and your foster-Son should spend your days together in manual labor. Thus, you sanctified the human labor as the gift of God. While your hands were occupied with manual work, your mind was tuned to God in prayer. What a beautiful example you set for the working class. Obtain for us the grace to respect the dignity of human labor. Teach us to work for God and with God in humility and prayer, as you did, so that we may offer our toil in union with the sacrifice of Jesus in the Holy Mass as a reparation for our sins, and gain merit to enter heaven.

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Prayer for the church: Glorious Saint Joseph, you are the head of the Holy Family, and the patron of our Catholic Church. You were the protector, guide, and supporter of the Holy Family. We believe that the Church is the family of God on earth, governed and guided by the shepherds of the church. We pray for our universal, local, and the domestic church and their leaders who nourish our souls with your Word and Sacraments. Bless our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Archbishop Jose Gomez, and other bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, men and women religious and lay leaders who participate in your Son's eternal, ministerial, and common priesthood. Intercede for everyone who is part of this universal church that we may be exemplary in Sacramental life, vibrant in prayer life, and relevant in daily life.

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Prayer for strength in suffering: Saint Joseph, you experienced numerous occasions of suffering. The news of Mary's pregnancy, the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the treacherous journey back to Nazareth, and the disappearance of Jesus at the Paschal feast, all these occasions certainly put you through tremendous pain and hardships. But you embraced them all in a truly Christ-like manner without any complain. You were truly the silent saint! You submitted to all these sufferings in the spirit of faith, humility, and love for your foster Son and His Mother. And, God never abandoned you in your trials. Teach us to trust in God and the courage to embrace our trials as well. Intercede for us the grace to withstand the moments when we suffer physically, emotionally, and spiritually, that we may be consoled and comforted by your powerful prayer.

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Litany of St. Joseph

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.

All: Christ, have mercy on us.

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Christ, hear us.

All: Christ, graciously hear us.

Leader: God the Father of Heaven,

All: Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

All: Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

All: Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God,

All: Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

All: pray for us...

St. Joseph, *Pray for us...*

Illustrious son of David.
Light of patriarchs.
Spouse of the Mother of God.
Chaste guardian of the Virgin.
Foster father of the Son of God.
Watchful defender of Christ.
Head of the Holy Family.
Joseph most just.
Joseph most chaste.
Joseph most prudent.
Joseph most valiant.
Joseph most obedient.
Joseph most faithful.

Mirror of patience.
Lover of poverty.
Model of workmen.
Glory of home life.
Guardian of virgins.
Pillar of families.
Solace of the afflicted.
Hope of the sick.
Patron of the dying.
Terror of demons.
Protector of Holy Church.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

All: Spare us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

All: Graciously hear us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

All: Have mercy on us!

He made him the lord of His household,

All: And prince over all His possessions.

Let Us Pray:

All: O God, Who in Thine ineffable Providence did vouchsafe to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate as our protector on earth may be our intercessor in Heaven. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen!

Leader: Memorare to St. Joseph.

All: Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power, I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for the intentions of our Holy Father Pope Francis, and our Archbishop Jose Gomez. **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...**