

# NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

9 days of prayer in readiness for the Feast of  
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 19 March 2021

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## **SIGN OF THE CROSS**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

**Leader** : Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
**All** : And you shall renew the face of the earth.

### **Let us pray**

O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **ST. JOSEPH ROSARY**

**The Creed:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*(St. Joseph Rosary may be prayed just as Marian Rosary, substituting the following prayer for the "Hail Mary".)*

**Leader** : Joseph, son of David and husband of Mary,  
we honour you, guardian of the Redeemer  
and we adore the child you named Jesus,  
**All** : St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church,  
pray for us that we like you may live totally  
dedicated to the interests of the Saviour. Amen

## **The Mysteries**

1. Betrothal to Mary (Mt. 1-18)
2. Annunciation to Joseph (Mt. 1:19-21)
3. Birth and naming of Jesus (Mt. 1:22-25)
4. Flight into Egypt (Mt. 2:13-15)
5. Hidden life at Nazareth (Mt. 2:23; Lk. 2:51-52)

## **LITANY TO ST. JOSEPH**

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

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

God our Father in heaven  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world  
God the Holy Spirit  
Holy Trinity, one God

**Have mercy on us.**  
Have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary  
Saint Joseph  
Noble son of the House of David  
Light of patriarchs  
Husband of the Mother of God  
Guardian of the Virgin  
Foster father of the Son of God  
Faithful guardian of Christ  
Head of the holy family  
Joseph, chaste and just  
Joseph, prudent and brave  
Joseph, obedient and loyal  
Pattern of patience  
Lover of poverty  
Model of workers  
Example to parents  
Guardian of virgins  
Pillar of family life  
Comfort of the troubled  
Hope of the sick  
Patron of the dying  
Terror of evil spirits  
Protector of the Church

**Pray for us.**  
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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
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**Spare us O Lord.**  
Hear us O Lord.  
Have mercy on us.

**Leader** : God made him master of his household.  
**All** : And put him in charge of all that he owned.

### **Let us pray**

God, in your infinite wisdom and love you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary, the mother of your Son. May we have the help of his prayers in heaven and enjoy his protection on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

*To you, O Blessed Joseph, we come in our trials, and having asked the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently ask your patronage also. Through that sacred bond of charity which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to look graciously upon the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood, and to aid us in our necessities with your power and strength.*

O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ. Most beloved father, dispel the evil of falsehood and sin. Our most mighty protector, graciously assist us from heaven in our struggle with the powers of darkness. And just as you once saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity. Shield each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your help, we may be able to live a virtuous life, to die a holy death, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

## **ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH**

Opening prayer to St. Joseph for Faith:

Blessed St. Joseph, heir of all the Patriarch', obtain for me this beautiful and precious virtue. Give me a lively faith which is the foundation of all holiness, that faith without which no one can be pleasing to God. Obtain for me a faith that triumphs over all the temptations of the world and conquers human respect; a faith that cannot be shaken and that seeks God alone. In imitation of you, make me live by faith and submit my mind and heart to God, so that one day I may behold in Heaven what I now firmly believe on earth. Amen.

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| <b>Day 1: 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>The Annunciation to the Betrothed Just Man.</b>                  |
| <b>Day 2: 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>Joseph Takes Mary as his wife</b>                                |
| <b>Day 3: 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>The Birth and Naming of Jesus, Son of David</b>                  |
| <b>Day 4: 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>The Presentation of Jesus, according to the Law of the Lord.</b> |
| <b>Day 5: 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>The Flight into Egypt</b>  |
| <b>Day 6: 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>The Finding in the Temple and the Fatherhood.</b>                |
| <b>Day 7: 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>Joseph the Worker.</b>   |
| <b>Day 8: 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>Patron of the Hidden and the Interior Life</b>                   |
| <b>Day 9: 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>Patron and Model of the Church.</b>                              |

## **Novena Prayer**

Blessed St. Joseph, tender hearted Father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste Spouse of the Mother of God. I pray and beseech you to offer to God the Father my prayer to him through his divine Son, who died on the cross and rose again to give us sinners new life. Through the holy name of Jesus, pray with us that we may obtain from the eternal Father, the favour we ask...(pause)...

We have been unfaithful to the unfailing love of God the Father; beg of Jesus mercy for us. Amid the splendours of God's loving presence, do not forget the sorrows of those who suffer, those who pray, and those who weep. By your prayers and those of your most Holy Spouse, our blessed Lady, may the love of Jesus answer our call of confident hope. Amen.

## **SPECIAL PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

Ever blessed and glorious Joseph, kind and loving father, and helpful friend of all in sorrow! You are the good father and protector of orphans, the defender of the defenseless, the patron of those in need. Look kindly on my request. My sins have drawn down on me the just displeasure of my God, and so I am surrounded with unhappiness. To you, loving guardian of the Family of Nazareth, do I go for help and protection. Listen, then I beg you, with fatherly concern, to my earnest prayers, and obtain for me the favors I ask. I ask by the infinite mercy of the eternal Son of God, which moved to take our nature and to be born into this world of sorrow.

I ask by the weariness and suffering you endured when you found no shelter at the inn of Bethlehem for the holy Virgin, nor a house where the Son of God could be born. Then, being everywhere refused, you had to allow the Queen of Heaven to give birth to the world's Redeemer in a cave. I ask by that painful torture you felt at the prophecy of holy Simeon, which declared the Child Jesus and His holy Mother, future victims of our sins and their great love for us.

I ask through your sorrow and pain of soul when the angel declared to you that the life of the Child Jesus was sought by His enemies. From their evil plan you had to flee with Him and His Blessed Mother to Egypt. I ask it by all the suffering, weariness, and labors of that long and dangerous journey. I ask it by all your care to protect the Sacred Child and His Immaculate Mother during your second journey, when you were ordered to return to your peaceful life in Nazareth where you met with so many joys and sorrows.

I ask by your great distress when the adorable Child was lost to you and His Mother for three days. I ask it by your joy at finding Him in the Temple, and by the comfort you found at Nazareth, while living in the company of the Child Jesus. I ask it by the wonderful submission He showed in His obedience to you.

I ask by the perfect love and conformity you showed in accepting the Divine order to depart from this life, and from the company of Jesus and Mary. I ask by the joy which filled your soul, when the Redeemer of the world, triumphant over death and hell, entered into the possession of His kingdom and led you into it with special honors.

I ask through Mary's glorious Assumption, and through that endless happiness you have with her in the presence of God.

O GOOD FATHER! I BEG YOU, BY ALL YOUR SUFFERINGS, SORROWS, AND JOYS, TO HEAR ME AND OBTAIN FOR ME WHAT I ASK.

*(here mention your petitions silently)*

Obtain for all those who have asked for prayers everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Finally, my dear patron and father, be with me and all who are dear to me in our last moments, that we may eternally sing the praises of JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH. AMEN.

## **HAIL HOLY JOSEPH\***

<b>1.</b> Hail, holy Joseph, Hail, Chaste Spouse of Mary, Hail! Pure as the lily flower In Eden's peaceful vale.	<b>4.</b> Hail, holy Joseph, hail, Comrade of angels, hail! Cheer thou the hearts that faint, And guide the steps that fail.
<b>2.</b> Hail, holy Joseph, hail, Father of Christ esteemed, Father be thou to those Thy foster son redeemed.	<b>5.</b> Hail, holy Joseph, hail! God's choice were thou alone. To thee the Word made flesh Was subject as a son.
<b>3.</b> Hail, holy Joseph, hail Prince of the house of God. May His best graces be By thy sweet hands bestowed.	<b>6.</b> Mother of Jesus, bless, And bless, ye Saints on high, All meek and simple Souls That to Saint Joseph cry.

\* *this hymn may also be sung to the tune of My God loves Me*

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