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St. Michael the Archangel defend us in the day of battle!

March 19 Feast Day of Saint Joseph



Novena Prayer to St Joseph

O St Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O St Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

O St Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St Joseph, Patron of departed souls, pray for me.

Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ have mercy on us.*
 Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.*
 God the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
 God the Son, *Redeemer of the world, Have mercy on us.*
 God the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.* Holy Trinity,
 One God, *Have mercy on us.*
 Holy Mary, *pray for us.* Saint Joseph, *pray for us.*
 Illustrious son of David, *pray for us.* Light of the patriarchs, *pray for us.*
 Spouse of the Mother of God, *pray for us.*
 Chaste guardian of the Virgin, *pray for us.*
 Foster father of the Son of God, *pray for us.*
 Watchful defender of Christ, *pray for us.*
 Head of the Holy Family, *pray for us.*
 Joseph most just, *pray for us.* Joseph most chaste, *pray for us.*
 Joseph most prudent, *pray for us.* Joseph most valiant, *pray for us.*
 Joseph most obedient, *pray for us.* Joseph most faithful, *pray for us.*
 Mirror of Patience, *pray for us.* Lover of poverty, *pray for us.*
 Model of workmen, *pray for us.* Glory of domestic life, *pray for us.*
 Guardian of virgins, *pray for us.* Solace of the afflicted, *pray for us.*
 Hope of the sick, *pray for us.* Patron of the dying, *pray for us.*
 Terror of demons, *pray for us.* Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us.*
 Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*
 Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
 Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
 He made him the lord of His household, *And prince of all His possessions.*

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. Saint Joseph, Pray for Us!

Prayer to St Joseph for a Happy Death

O Blessed Joseph, you gave your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall close my life, come with Jesus and Mary to aid me. Obtain for me this solace for that hour to die with their holy arms around me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul, living and dying, into your sacred arms. Amen.

Prayer to St Joseph for our family

Gracious St Joseph, protect my family and all other families from danger, as you did protect the baby Jesus and His mother from the wrath of king Herod.

Pray for us, that we respect, love and care for each other in our family as you were with Mary and Jesus. Help us to be understanding and forgiving towards each other. Most of all St Joseph, bring us closer to Jesus. St Joseph, please pray for our family. Amen.



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Prayers Through Intercession of St. Joseph Prayer To St. Joseph 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.

Prayer to Saint Joseph to Know One's Vocation

O Great Saint Joseph, you were completely obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for me the grace to know the state of life that God in his providence has chosen for me. Since my happiness on earth, and perhaps even my final happiness in heaven, depends on this choice, let me not be deceived in making it.

Obtain for me the light to know God's Will, to carry it out faithfully, and to choose the vocation which will lead me to a happy eternity. Amen

Prayer To St. Joseph

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as your son, you rescued Him from danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

(A partial indulgence.)

Prayer to St. Joseph as Consoler of the Afflicted

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

O Saint Joseph, my patron and my advocate, to you do I have recourse that you may obtain for me that grace for which I humbly pray. It may well be that the disappointments and the bitterness in my life may be the just punishment for my sins. But even if I should have to recognize my own guilt, need I lose hope in obtaining the help of the Lord? 'Oh no,' would be the answer of your devoted client, Saint Theresa, 'indeed, nor all you poor sinners. No matter how great your needs, turn to the powerful help of Saint Joseph. Go to Saint Joseph with sincere confidence and rest assured that your pleas will be heard.

Following the teaching of Saint Theresa, therefore, I present myself before your glorious throne, O Holy Saint Joseph and beg for your powerful intercession in my present tribulations.

Bring my petitions before the throne of God, that by your power and mercy I may obtain that which of myself I would not be worthy to receive. And grant that having obtained the favorable answer to my petition, I may return to your altar and there fulfill my devotion of praise and thanksgiving for your Intercession.

Remember O most merciful foster father of the Lord Jesus, that no one who has ever had recourse to you was left unaided. Countless are the graces and favors which you have obtained in answer to the prayers addressed to you. The sick, the oppressed, those who suffer injustice, the betrayed, the abandoned, in short, all who have had recourse to your protection were aided in their afflictions. O Holy Saint Joseph, do not leave me to be the only one to be deprived of your help. Show yourself kindly and generously even to me, so that my prayers of thanksgiving for your mercy may rebound for the greater glory of God.

O Saint Joseph, head of the Holy Family, I venerate you from the profoundest depth of my heart. To the afflicted who have appealed to you before me, you have granted comfort and peace. Console even my own poor afflicted soul. You know all my needs, Saint Joseph, even before I set them before you in prayers. O powerful Saint Joseph, you know how important this petition is for me. I place all my hope in your intercession.

Grant me the answer to the favor for which I so desperately pray and I pledge myself to spread your devotion everywhere and to support, within the limits of my abilities, those charities which, in your name, aid the afflicted and the dying throughout the world.

Saint Joseph, consoler of the afflicted, have mercy on my Sorrow. Amen.

Prayer to St Joseph - the worker by Pope St Pius X

Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labour, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously by placing love of duty above my inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honour to employ and to develop by labour the gifts I have received from God, to work methodically, peacefully, and in moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from it through weariness or difficulty to work; above all, with purity of intention and unselfishness, having unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I have to render of time lost, talents unused, good not done, and vain complacency in success, so baneful to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all for Mary, all to imitate thee, O patriarch St. Joseph! This shall be my motto for life and eternity.

