



# Prayers to SAINT JOSEPH

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

O God, come to my assistance.  
O Lord, make haste to help me. *Glory Be...*

### ***Prayer to God, the Eternal Father***

O God, in your divine providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary and the Guardian of your only-begotten Son made man. In your mercy, you have given us St. Joseph as an example of holiness and a protector during our earthly pilgrimage. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we pray, open our minds to understand the depth of your love for us. Look kindly on our prayer and, through the powerful intercession of St. Joseph, grant us all the graces we need to follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

### ***1. Prayer to Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary***

Glorious Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for me to have a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. *Amen.*

## **2. Prayer to Saint Joseph, Father of Jesus**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

*--Pope Francis*

## **3. Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Just Man**

Prudent man,  
who did not attach yourself to human securities  
but was always open to respond to the unexpected  
obtain for me the help of the divine spirit  
so that I may also live in prudent detachment of earthly securities.  
Model of zeal, of constant work,  
of silent faithfulness, of paternal kindness, obtain for me these blessings,  
so that I may grow more in them every day,  
and thus day by day,  
resemble Jesus, who is the model of full humanity.

## **4. Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Humble Man**

Faithful imitator of Jesus and Mary, humble Joseph, you who were as lowly in your eyes and in the opinion of men as you are great before God; teach me to be, like you, lowly and humble of heart. Alas, you know it, my sins, after having made me ungrateful to my God, have filled me again with a foolish pride, which is my soul's greatest wound. O kind Saint, my protector, my Patron and my Father, on this day I ask you for a virtue which is the foundation of all Christian perfection. Obtain for me humility, the grace to know myself and to despise me; obtain for me the grace to seek to please God alone in all my actions. May I, like you, love silence and the hidden life; may I, like you, be forgotten and despised by creatures; may the humiliations and the Cross of Jesus Christ be my share in this world, as they have been yours. O Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I now wish to put all my glory and my delights into humbling myself following your example. Amen.

*--The Monastery of the Magnificat, Quebec, Canada*

## **5. Prayer to Saint Joseph the Worker**

O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, 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 honor to employ and to develop by labor 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. Amen.

*--Pope St. Pius X*

## **6. Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Man of Faith**

Blessed Saint Joseph,  
your intercession can make possible impossible things.  
Come to help me in these moments of anguish and hardship.  
Take under your protection the difficult and grave situations I commend to you,  
so they have a happy solution according to God's will.  
My beloved father,  
I trust you entirely  
and abandon myself as a small child  
sleeping in his father's arms.  
If that could not be said I appeal to you in vain  
for you can accomplish everything through the Lord.  
Therefore, in the presence of Jesus and Mary,  
show me that your kindness is as great as your power. Amen.

## **7. Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Man of Silence**

O great St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus the grace to keep all God's commandments, and to promptly obey the secret calls and inspirations of Heaven.

St. Joseph, obtain for me the grace to do all my actions to please God alone.

O St. Joseph, ask of Jesus, for me, the grace never to commit a mortal sin.

O my dear St. Joseph, watch over me during life, be with me at death, and obtain for me Paradise.

St. Joseph, spouse of Mary, beg of the Blessed Virgin to obtain for me, from Jesus her Son, the grace to lead a holy life and die a happy death.

O glorious St. Joseph, the model, the patron, and the comforter of the dying, I now beg thy protection at the last moment of my life; obtain, I beseech thee, that I may die the death of the just. Amen.

## **8. Prayer to Saint Joseph, Protector of the Church**

To thee, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction, and having implored the help of thy holy Spouse, we now, with hearts filled with confidence, earnestly beg thee also to take us under thy protection. By that charity where thou were united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which thou did cherish the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray that thou will look down with gracious eyes upon that inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His blood, and will succor us in our need by thy power and strength.

Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen offspring of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving Father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness. And even as of old thou did rescue the Child Jesus from the peril of His life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever under thy patronage, that, following thy example and strengthened by thy help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in Heaven. Amen.

*--Pope Leo XIII*

## **9. Act of Consecration to Saint Joseph**

O dearest St. Joseph,  
I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you,  
that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation.  
Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life.  
After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God,  
in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.  
O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me,  
that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

## **10. Traditional Prayer to Saint Joseph**

Oh 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. Oh 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. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary 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 departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

## **11. Prayer to Saint Joseph for a Happy Death**

O Blessed Joseph, you gave forth your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall end 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.

## **12. Prayer for a Special Intention**

O Blessed St. Joseph,  
tenderhearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Mother of God,  
I pray and beseech thee to offer to God the Father,  
His Divine Son, bathed in Blood on the Cross for sinners,  
and through the Holy Name of Jesus,  
obtain for us from the Eternal Father, the favors I implore. Amen.

## **13. Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession was 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.



# Act of Consecration to Saint Joseph

O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church!

O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God!

O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate!

In the presence of Jesus and Mary,

I choose you this day to be my father, my guardian, and my protector.

O great St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family,

accept me, I beseech you,

though utterly unworthy, to be a member of your "Holy House."

Present me to your Immaculate Spouse;

ask her also to adopt me as her child.

With her, pray that I may constantly think of Jesus,

and serve him faithfully to the end of my life.

O Terror of Demons, increase in me virtue,

protect me from the evil one,

and help me not to offend God in any way.

O my Spiritual Father,

I hereby consecrate myself to you.

In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary,

I place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection.

To you, after Jesus and Mary,

I consecrate my body and soul, with all their faculties,

my spiritual growth, my home, and all my affairs and undertakings.

Forsake me not, but adopt me as a servant and child of the Holy Family.

Watch over me at all times,

but especially at the hour of my death.

Console and strengthen me

with the presence of Jesus and Mary

so that, with you,

I may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity.

Amen.

*Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be...*

Saint Joseph, pray for us!