

## Prayers to St Joseph



To you, O Blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction; and having implored the help of your holy Spouse, we now with hearts filled with confidence, earnestly beg you also to take us under your protection. By that charity wherewith you were united to the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which you cherished the Child Jesus, we beseech you and we humbly pray, that you would look down with gracious eyes upon that inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood, and will assist us in our need by your 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, you 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 your patronage, that imitating your example and strengthened by your help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in Heaven. Amen.

### The Prayer of Parents to St Joseph for the Children

O Glorious St. Joseph, to you God committed the care of His only begotten Son amid the many dangers of this world.

We come to you and ask you to take under your special protection the children God has given us born and unborn.

Through holy baptism they become children of God and members of His Holy Church.

We consecrate them to you today, that through this consecration they may become your foster children.

Guard them, guide their steps in life, and form their hearts after the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

St. Joseph, who felt the tribulation and worry of a parent when the Child Jesus was lost, protect our dear children for time and eternity.

May you be their father and counselor. Let them, like Jesus, grow in age as well as in wisdom and grace before God and all.

Preserve them from the corruption of this world and give us the grace one day to be united with them in heaven forever. Amen.

### Novena Prayer to Saint 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 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.



### **Prayer to St. Joseph for Employment**

Dear St. Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety with my present inability to support my family. Please help me find gainful employment very soon, so that this great burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon be able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help me guard against discouragement, so that I may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen.

### **Prayer to St. Joseph for Success in Work**

Glorious St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my many sins; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop, by means of labor, the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, prudence and patience, never surrendering to weariness or difficulties; to work, above all, with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account which I must render

of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after your example, O Patriarch Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and death. Amen.



### **Prayer to St. Joseph for Peace**

St. Joseph, a man of peace and wisdom, teach us the way of peace. Protect us from the hatred and the evil that breed terrorism and justify it. Heal the brokenness that remains in many hearts. Release us from the bondage of fear and distrust of neighbor, especially the neighbor who is a stranger in our midst. Gentle St. Joseph, help us to be strong in defense of justice and care for the poor. Help our Church to be a prophetic leader in the struggle for world peace. Help us to be generous and constant in praying for this peace. Amen.