

## **PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. Joseph, Pope Francis urged us all to invoke the intercession of St. Joseph.

His comments came during his live-streamed general audience.

Under the loving gaze of St. Joseph, Pope Francis instructed us to ask St. Joseph to guard our family, and in particular, the sick and all the people taking care of the sick: the doctors, the nurses, the volunteers, and all who risk their lives in this service.

And so we pray:

Good St. Joseph, we come to you in these difficult times. Through that charity which bound you to the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and through your fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to aid us in this pandemic.

O most loving father St. Joseph, ward off this contagion. O most mighty protector of the Holy Family, St. Joseph, assist us in our struggles with the power of darkness and now protect us from the snares of the Devil and from the spread of the Coronavirus. Shield us by your constant protection and prayers.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy

**LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Christ, have mercy

**CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

Lord, have mercy

**LORD HAVE MERCY.**

God our Father in heaven

**PRAY FOR US**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world

God the Holy Spirit

Holy Trinity, one God

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

**SPARE US O LORD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

**HEAR US O LORD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

**HAVE MERCY ON US.**

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.

## 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 today.

Do not turn down my petitions,  
foster father of the Redeemer,  
but graciously receive them.

Amen.

## Hymn to St. Joseph

Tunes: Sing of Mary  
Hymn of Joy  
Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Sing of Joseph, foster father,

To the incarnate Son of God.

Loving husband for God's mother

As toward David's town they plod.

Filled with justice, strength and wisdom,

Joseph was their rock and guide.

Now he guards God's pilgrim people,

Steadfast patron at our side.