



## NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

10 - 18 MARCH 2021

**DAY 9: 18 March 2021**

**St. Joseph, the Patron of a Happy Death**

Saint Joseph, I call upon you as the “Patron of a Happy Death” to help me prepare for the hour of my death. I believe that you died a happy and holy death because Jesus and Mary were at your side and your death reflected the holiness of your life. I pray, through your intercession, to be spared from a sudden and unprepared death. Saint Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of being able to die in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

May I, too, accept death in the spirit of resignation to God's Holy Will, and die, as you did, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. I call upon you Saint Joseph, together with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me, for your powerful intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death.

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.**

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.**

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you. Amen.**

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore: (*Mention your request .....*).

Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers in my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Amen.

### THE ‘YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH’ PRAYER

*To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.*

*Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.*

*O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.*

*As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.*

**For the intentions of our Holy Father Pope Francis**

**Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory be to the Father....**

**Saint Joseph, patron of the Universal Church. Pray for us.**

