

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

10 - 18 MARCH 2021

DAY 5: 14 March 2021

Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church



O Glorious Saint Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, and the head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ's Vicar as the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Christ.

Protect our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and all bishops and priests united to him. Be also the protector of all who work for the spreading of God's Kingdom despite many difficulties and grant, through the merits of Jesus Christ, salvation for all who believe in God. Dear Saint Joseph be my protector and guide along the path to eternal life. Obtain for me purity of heart and

a love for the spiritual life. After your example, let all my actions be directed to the greater glory of God. Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death.

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.

