

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

10 - 18 MARCH 2021

DAY 7: 16 March 2021



St. Joseph, the Patron of Workers

Saint Joseph, patron of all working people, thank you for the opportunity to build up God's kingdom through the work of our hands. Help me to be conscientious in my work and to do everything in a spirit of thankfulness and joy, mindful of the gifts I have received from God. Allow me to work in peace, patience and moderation.

During your life you worked humbly and diligently and was able to pass on your skills to Jesus who was entrusted to your care. I ask you to obtain for me the grace to respect the dignity of labour. Teach me to work for God and with God in the spirit of humility and prayer, as you did. I also pray to you for those who are out of work and have been adversely affected the Corona virus

pandemic and who are struggling now to support their families. We honour you as the patron of workers and therefore ask you to implore on our behalf that in a more just and fair world, all those who are willing to work may be given the opportunity of being able to financially support themselves and their families.

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.

