



## NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

10 - 18 MARCH 2021

**DAY 3: 12 March 2021**

**St. Joseph, chosen by God the Father**

Saint Joseph, you were the man chosen by God the Father. He selected you to be His representative on earth, and gave you all the graces and blessings you needed to raise the Son of God. You were an excellent example of integrity and

righteousness who obeyed God in the face of severe humiliation and did the right thing before God, in the right manner.

We honour you because of the way in which you responded to God in obedience, integrity and a godly manner. Without question you trusted God even though you never knew all the details, but you acted in faith knowing that God would lead you to the next step.

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the Will of God. Be my guide and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

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, on 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.**