



NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

10 - 18 MARCH 2021

DAY 2: 11 March 2021

St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary

Saint Joseph, I honour you as the true husband of Mary. Scripture says: 'Jacob begot Joseph, the husband of Mary, and of her was born Jesus who is called Christ' (Matt. 1:16). Your marriage

to Mary was the way God chose to introduce Jesus to the world and God entrusted the care of Mary and Jesus to your care.

You were her faithful companion, support and comforter. Your love for Mary was based on your esteem for her as Mother of God.

Saint Joseph, I praise God for privilege He gave you of being the husband of Mary. Obtain for me the grace to love Jesus with all my heart, as you did, and to love Mary with some of the tenderness and loyalty with which you loved her.

Holy Saint Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. Be my guide and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary to 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 am 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.