

Novena to St Joseph



Hymn

Dear St. Joseph, pure and gentle,
Guardian of the Saviour child,
Treading with the virgin mother,
Egypt's deserts rough and wild.

Chorus:

*Hail, St. Joseph, spouse of Mary,
Blessed above all saints on high,
When the death-shades round us gather,
Teach, oh, teach us how to die.*

He who rested on thy bosom
Is by countless saints adored;
Prostrate angels in His presence
Sing hosannas to their Lord.

Now to thee no gift refusing,
Jesus stoops to hear thy prayer;
Then, dear saint, from thy fair dwelling,
Give to us a father's care.

(You may wish to expose the Blessed Sacrament at this point.)

Prayer

Saint Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I come to you as an example for holiness, for you are especially close with God. Therefore, I humbly commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me, to your 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.

Reading

(These can be found in the appendix attached to the email sent together with these Novena prayers. The choice of readings is at your discretion. Some are taken from the English Standard Version of the Bible. This is the translation we will switch to when the new Lectionary is printed.)

Homily

Litany of St Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,	<i>pray for us.</i>
St. Joseph,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Illustrious son of David,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Light of patriarchs,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Spouse of the Mother of God,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Foster father of the Son of God,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Watchful defender of Christ,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Head of the Holy Family,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Joseph most just,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Joseph most chaste,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Joseph most prudent,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Joseph most valiant,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Joseph most obedient,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Joseph most faithful,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mirror of patience,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Lover of poverty,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Model of workmen,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Glory of home life,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Guardian of virgins,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Pillar of families,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Solace of the afflicted,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Hope of the sick,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Patron of the dying,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Terror of demons,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Protector of Holy Church,	<i>pray for us.</i>

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us!

V. He made him the lord of His household,

R. *And prince over all His possessions.*

Let Us Pray

O God, Who in Your ineffable Providence choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Your most holy Mother, grant, we pray, that he whom we venerate as our protector on earth may be our intercessor in Heaven. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Novena Prayer

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for me to have a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may 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.

St. Joseph Most Just, Pray for us! Amen.

Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence I fly unto you and beg your protection.
Despise not, O Guardian of the Redeemer, my humble supplication but
in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.

You may wish to end with Benediction, otherwise, end with a final
blessing.