

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE CHURCH

All

Glory Be ... Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be ...

Laymen: *Let us pray*



O glorious St. Joseph, chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the chaste spouse of Mary ever Virgin, and the head of the Holy Family, and then appointed by the Vicar of Christ, to be the heavenly patron and defender of the Church founded by Jesus, most confidently do I implore at this moment your powerful aid, for all the Church militant on earth.

Shield with your truly paternal love, the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis, and all the Bishops and Priests, who are in union with the Holy See of Peter.

Be the defender of all who labor for souls amidst the trials and tribulations of this life, and cause all the peoples of the earth to submit themselves in a docile spirit, to that Church which is the ark of Salvation for all men.

O Saint Joseph, hear my prayers and obtain my petitions.

Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent devotion to the interior life.

Grant that following your example, I may direct all my actions to the greater Glory of God, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in union with you. Finally, pray for me that I may be a partaker in the peace and joy which were yours in the hour of your holy death.

Amen.

O Saint Joseph, pray for me... *(state your special intentions in silence.)*

(All: The Apostles' Creed)

DAY 1, Thursday: The Luminous Mysteries

- * The Baptism in the Jordan.
- * The manifestation at the wedding of Cana.
- * The proclamation of The Kingdom of God.
- * The Transfiguration.
- * The Institution of the Eucharist.

DAY 2, Friday: The Sorrowful Mysteries

- * The Agony in the Garden.
- * The Scourging at the Pillar.
- * The Crowning with Thorns.
- * The Carrying of the Cross.
- * The Crucifixion and Death.

DAY 3, Saturday: The Joyful Mysteries

- * The Annunciation of Our Lord.
- * The Visitation.
- * The Nativity of Jesus.
- * The Presentation in the Temple.
- * The Finding in the Temple.

DAY 4, Sunday: The Glorious Mysteries

- * The Resurrection of Our Lord.
- * The Ascension into Heaven.
- * The Descent of the Holy Spirit.
- * The Assumption of Mary.
- * The Coronation of Mary.

DAY 5, Monday: The Joyful Mysteries

- * The Annunciation of Our Lord.
- * The Visitation.
- * The Nativity of Jesus.
- * The Presentation in the Temple.
- * The Finding in the Temple.

DAY 6, Tuesday: The Sorrowful Mysteries

- * The Agony in the Garden.
- * The Scourging at the Pillar.
- * The Crowning with Thorns.
- * The Carrying of the Cross.
- * The Crucifixion and Death.

DAY 7, Wednesday: The Glorious Mysteries

- * The Resurrection of Our Lord.
- * The Ascension into Heaven.
- * The Descent of the Holy Spirit.
- * The Assumption of Mary.
- * The Coronation of Mary.

DAY 8, Thursday: The Luminous Mysteries

- * The Baptism in the Jordan.
- * The manifestation at the wedding of Cana.
- * The proclamation of The Kingdom of God.
- * The Transfiguration.
- * The Institution of the Eucharist.

DAY 9, Friday: The Sorrowful Mysteries

- * The Agony in the Garden.
- * The Scourging at the Pillar.
- * The Crowning with Thorns.
- * The Carrying of the Cross.
- * The Crucifixion and Death.



For daily readings, please refer to your own copy of St. Joseph Novena and prayer guide.



Litany of St. Joseph

Kyrie Eleison. (*Kyrie Eleison.*)
Christe Eleison. (*Christe Eleison.*)
Kyrie Eleison. (*Kyrie Eleison.*)

God the Father in Heaven. (*Have mercy on us.*)
God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
God, The Holy Spirit.
Holy Trinity, One God.

Holy Mary. (<i>Pray for us.</i>)	Joseph most obedient,
St. Joseph,	Joseph most faithful,
Renowned offspring of David,	Mirror of patience,
Light of Patriarchs,	Lover of poverty,
Spouse of the Mother of God,	Model of artisans,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,	Glory of home life,
Foster father of the Son of God,	Guardian of virgins,
Diligent protector of Christ,	Pillar of families,
Head of the Holy Family,	Solace of the wretched,
Joseph most just,	Hope of the sick,
Joseph most chaste,	Patron of the dying,
Joseph most prudent,	Terror of demons,
Joseph most strong,	Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. (*Spare us, O Lord.*)
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. (*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*)
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. (*Have mercy on us, O Lord.*)

Let us pray:

O God, in your ineffable providence, you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom on earth, we venerate as our Protector:

You who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.

SAINT JOSEPH, THE PATRON OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

He is regarded as the Patron of The Catholic Church, because The Church is The Holy Family, extended in the course of the centuries.

With the many problems being encountered by the Church today, it is an opportune time to call on Her guardian and patron to protect Her from Her enemies. Pope Pius IX proclaimed Saint Joseph the patron of the Universal Church in 1870. Having died in the “arms of Jesus and Mary” according to Catholic tradition, he is considered the model of the pious believer who receives grace at the moment of death. Saint Joseph is the patron saint of a number of cities, regions and countries, among them the Americas, Canada, China, Croatia, Mexico, Korea, Austria, Belgium, Peru, the Philippines and Vietnam.



The chief sources of information on the life of St. Joseph are the first chapters of the first and third Gospels; they are practically also the only reliable sources, on the holy patriarch's life, as on many other points connected with the Savior's history which are left untouched by the canonical writings. Joseph was “a just man.” This praise bestowed by the Holy Ghost, and the privilege of having been chosen by God to be the foster-father of Jesus and the spouse of the Virgin Mother, are the foundations of the honor paid to St. Joseph by the Church.

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