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OLDER LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH



LORD, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer
of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, Spouse of Joseph, *Pray for us.*

Holy Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary,

Nursing-father of Jesus,

Man according to God's own heart,

Faithful and prudent servant,

Guardian of the virginity of Mary,

Companion and solace of Mary,

Most pure in virginity,

Most profound in humility,

Most fervent in charity,

Most exalted in contemplation,

Who was declared to be a just man

by the testimony of the Holy

Ghost Himself,

Who was enlightened above all in

heavenly mysteries,

Who was the chosen minister of the

counsels of the Most High,

Have mercy on us.

Pray for us.

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Who was taught from above the
mystery of the Incarnate Word,
Who didst journey to Bethlehem with
Mary, thy spouse,

Who, finding no place in the inn,
didst betake thyself to a stable,

Who was thought worthy to be
present when Christ was born
and laid in a manger,

Who didst bear in thine arms the Son
of God,

Who didst receive the blood of Jesus
at His circumcision,

Who didst present Him to His Father
in the temple, with Mary, His
Mother,

Who, at the warning of the angel,
didst fly into Egypt with the
child and His Mother,

Who, when Herod was dead, didst
return with them into the land of
Israel,

Who for three days, with Mary, His
Mother, didst seek sorrowing the
child Jesus when He was lost at
Jerusalem,

Who, after three days, didst with joy
find Him sitting in the midst of
the doctors,

Who hadst the Lord of lords subject
to thee on the earth,

Who was the happy witness of His
hidden life and sacred words,

Who didst die in the arms of Jesus
and Mary,

Pray for us.

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Whose praise is in the Gospel:
 The spouse of Mary, of whom
 was born Jesus,
 Humble imitator of the Incarnate Word,
 Powerful support of the Church,
 Our advocate, *St. Joseph, hear us.*
 Our patron, *St. Joseph, graciously hear us.*
 In all our necessities, *St. Joseph, help us.*
 In all our distresses,
 In the hour of death,
 Through thy most chaste espousals,
 Through thy paternal care and
 fidelity,
 Through thy love of Jesus and Mary,
 Through thy labors and toils,
 Through all thy virtues,
 Through thy exalted honor and
 eternal blessedness,
 Through thy faithful intercession,
 We, thy clients, *beseech thee, hear us.*
 That thou wouldst vouchsafe to
 obtain for us from Jesus the pardon
 of our sin, *We beseech thee, hear us.*
 That thou wouldst vouchsafe to
 commend us faithfully
 to Jesus and Mary,
 That thou wouldst vouchsafe
 to obtain for all, both virgins
 and married, the chastity
 belonging to their state,
 That thou wouldst vouchsafe
 to obtain for all congregations
 perfect love and concord,

St. Joseph, help us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to direct
 all rulers and prelates in the
 government of their subjects,
 That thou wouldst vouchsafe to assist
 all parents in the Christian
 education of their children,
 That thou wouldst vouchsafe to
 protect all those that rely upon
 thy patronage,
 That thou wouldst vouchsafe to
 support, with thy paternal help,
 all congregations instituted under
 thy name and patronage,
 That thou wouldst vouchsafe to visit
 and stand by us with Jesus and
 Mary in the last moment of our
 life,
 That thou wouldst vouchsafe to
 succor, by thy prayers and
 intercession, all the faithful
 departed,
 O chaste spouse of Mary,
 O faithful nursing-father of Jesus,
 Holy Joseph,
 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.*
 Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

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Pray for us, O blessed Joseph!
*that we may be made worthy of the
 promises of Christ.*
 Let us Pray.
 O GOD! who didst choose St. Joseph to
 be the spouse of Blessed Mary, ever
 virgin, and to be the guardian and
 fosterfather of Thy beloved Son, our Lord
 Jesus Christ, we humbly beseech Thee to
 grant us, through his patronage and
 merits, such purity of mind and body
 that, being clean from every stain and
 clothed with the true marriage-garment,
 we may, by Thy great mercy, be admitted
 to the heavenly nuptials : through the
 same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
 O God! who in thine ineffable
 providence didst vouchsafe to choose
 blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy
 most holy Mother, grant, we beseech
 Thee, that we may be made worthy to
 receive him for our intercessor in heaven
 whom on earth we venerate as our holy
 protector : who livest and reignest, world
 without end. Amen.
 Guardian of virgins and father, holy
 Joseph, to whose faithful custody Christ
 Jesus, very Innocence, and Mary, Virgin of
 virgins, were committed, I pray and beg
 of thee by these dear pledges, Jesus and
 Mary, free me from all uncleanness, and
 make me, with spotless mind, pure heart,
 and chaste body ever most chastely to
 serve Jesus and Mary all the days of my
 life. Amen.