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VARIOUS PRAYERS TO SAINT JOSEPH



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PRAYERS IN HONOUR OF SAINT JOSEPH

*Special favours have been obtained
by the recitation of the following
prayers in honour of St. Joseph:*

O glorious St. Joseph, faithful
follower of Jesus Christ, to you
do we raise our hearts and
hands to implore your
powerful intercession in
obtaining from the benign
Heart of Jesus all the helps and
graces necessary for our
spiritual and temporal welfare;
particularly the grace of a
happy death, and the special
favour we now implore.

*(Here mention or reflect upon your
lawful requests)*

O Guardian of the Word
Incarnate, we feel animated
with confidence that your
prayers in our behalf will be
graciously heard before the
throne of God.

*(Pray the following versicle seven
times, in honour of the seven joys
and sorrows of saint Joseph)*

V. O glorious St. Joseph,
through the love you bear
to Jesus Christ, and for the
glory of His name.

R. Hear our prayers,
and obtain our petitions.

PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH

O Glorious St. Joseph, behold I
choose thee today for my
special patron in life and at the
hour of my death. Preserve
and increase in me the spirit of
prayer and fervour in the
service of God. Remove far
from me every kind of sin;
obtain for me that my death
may not come upon me
unawares, but that I may have
time to confess my sins
sacramentally, and to bewail
them with a most perfect
understanding and a most
sincere contrition, in order that
I may breathe forth my soul
into the hands of Jesus and
Mary. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SUCCESS IN WORK

GLORIOUS St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with gratitude and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop, by means of labor, the gifts received from God, without recoiling before weariness or difficulties; to work, above all, with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account which I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch St. Joseph. Such shall be my watchword in life and death.

ACT OF OFFERING TO THE PATRIARCH ST. JOSEPH

Most glorious Patriarch, chastest spouse of the great Mother of God, and reputed father of my Lord Jesus Christ, my loving St. Joseph, confiding in the greatness of thy holiness, and inflamed with the love which Jesus and Mary bore thee, I choose thee this day in their presence to be my especial protector, advocate, and patron; and I firmly purpose to keep this devotion to thee always burning within my heart.

And since I know that thou wert appointed by the eternal Father to be the head of the holy family upon earth, I desire to be one of its devoted servants and friends, and I beg of thee to admit me into the number.

I desire, unworthy sinner though I be, to render to thee also the homage which I pay to the Infant Jesus and to his Virgin Mother. I beseech thee also, O my most glorious father

St. Joseph, to obtain for me, through thy great merits and by thy most powerful intercession, the grace to imitate in my life thy most holy conversation with Jesus and Mary, so that I too, like thyself, may enjoy the assistance of Jesus and of Mary at my death, and in their arms may breathe forth my soul, saying, Jesus, Joseph, and Mary, I give you my heart and my soul. Amen.

An Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be, to St. Joseph.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the holy family of the Incarnate Word hast consecrated the whole earth, and hast, in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, given to us the pattern of holy living, grant that we, who by this blessed three implore of thee the grace of holy living, may, together with the angels, come to praise thee in heaven, who livest in thy blissful and undivided trinity of persons, world without end. Amen.