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## PRAYERS TO THE HOLY FAMILY



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### **An Act of Consecration to be Recited by Christian Families who Consecrate Themselves to the Holy Family.**

O Jesus, our most loving Saviour, Thou Who wast sent down from heaven to enlighten the world by Thy teaching and example, and Who didst will to pass the greater part of Thy holy life in lowliness at Thy home in Nazareth, subject to Mary and Joseph, and thereby didst hallow the household which was to be the pattern for all Christian families, do Thou in Thy goodness receive our household, which this day consecrates itself to Thee; protect and guard us, strengthen us in Thy holy fear, establish in our hearts

the peace and concord of Christian charity, so that each one of us, becoming like to the Divine Model of Thy Family, may be sharer of eternal joy.

O Mary, most loving Mother of Jesus Christ, our Mother, through thy love and mercy intercede that Jesus receive this act of consecration, and pour out upon us His graces and blessings.

O Joseph, most holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, help us by thy prayers in all our necessities both of body and soul, that, together with the Blessed Virgin Mary and thyself, we shall praise and thank Christ Jesus, our divine Redeemer.

## **Consecration of a Child to Saint Joseph.**

Great Saint Joseph,  
who was a father  
to our Divine Saviour,  
we offer and consecrate  
to thee this child.  
Deign to be his protector  
and his father.  
Preserve in him the precious  
treasure of innocence.  
Protect him from all dangers  
to body and soul,  
and inspire in him  
from his earliest days  
a tender love  
for thee,  
for Mary,  
thy immaculate Spouse,  
and for JESUS,  
thy adorable Son.  
May thy holy protection  
be with him  
throughout his life.  
Watch over all his ways,  
guide him in all his  
enterprises,  
conduct him always  
in the path  
of the precepts of the LORD,

and deign to bring him  
at the moment of his death  
into the Heavenly Jerusalem,  
there eternally to sing  
the Divine mercies, and  
thy paternal bounty.  
Amen.

## **Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Protector of Christian Families.**

Great Saint Joseph,  
who was chosen of God  
to be the head of the holiest  
and most august of families,  
deign to cast thy eyes upon us,  
and take us this day  
under thy special protection.  
Holy Patriarch,  
model of the holiest faith,  
and of the most perfect virtues,  
obtain for all the members of  
this family grace to withstand  
the dangers and seductions  
of the world,  
and to remain steadfastly  
attached to the LORD.  
Obtain for us that, always  
united by the bonds of  
the most tender charity,  
and encouraging one another

mutually in good works,  
we may taste under thy  
auspices the sweetness  
of that peace which JESUS has  
promised to His true disciples.  
But above all, when our  
last hour shall come,  
obtain for us that we may find  
grace before  
the Sovereign Judge,  
so that, reunited in heaven  
at the foot of thy Throne,  
we may celebrate everlastingly  
the glory of God and thy praise.  
Amen.

