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# GOLDEN MANUAL LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH



LORD, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*  
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*  
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

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 wast declared to be a just man  
by the testimony of the Holy  
Ghost Himself,

Who wast enlightened above all in  
heavenly mysteries,  
Who wast the chosen minister of the  
counsels of the Most High,  
Who wast taught from above the  
mystery of the Incarnate Word,  
Who didst journey to Bethlehem with  
Mary, thy spouse,

*Have mercy on us.*

*Pray for us.*

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Who, finding no place in the inn,  
didst betake thyself to a stable,  
Who wast 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 wast the happy witness of His  
hidden life and sacred words,  
Who didst die in the arms of Jesus  
and Mary,  
Whose praise is in the Gospel:  
The spouse of Mary, of whom  
was born Jesus,

*Pray for us.*

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Humble imitator of the Incarnate Word,

*Pray for us.*

Powerful support of the Church,

*Pray for us.*

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,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to direct  
all rulers and prelates in the  
government of their subjects,

*St. Joseph, help us.*

*We beseech thee, hear us.*

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.*

✠ Pray for us, O blessed Joseph!

✠ *that we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.*

*We beseech thee, hear us.*

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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.