

Seven Days of Prayer to Saint Joseph

First day: Protector of the Holy Family

My lord God, you gave us St. Joseph, loving guardian of the Holy Family, who met with many sorrows and joys. By the weariness and suffering he endured when he found no room in the inn, strengthen all fathers in their disappointments and sorrows. By the joy with which he looked over the birth of the world's Redeemer in a cave, may Jesus light up our lives with His love and care. In Jesus' Holy name, Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be. St. Joseph, pray for us.

Second day: Foster Father of Jesus

O, Lord God, by an angel you instructed St. Joseph to name his adorable foster child Jesus. By the loveliness and power of that sacred name, Jesus, protect our families, torn apart by abuse, indulgence, and neglect. May Joseph, who was the loving guardian of the Family of Nazareth, bring us help and protection, to spare the lives of the unborn. In the name of Jesus, our Savior, Amen.

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Third day: Husband of Mary

O God, our Father, you destined St. Joseph to be the spouse of the most holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God. You blessed their union with mutual love, care, and affection. In honor of this loving marriage, Lord, help couples now to share home and labor, and work together with noble dignity. May they seek God's will, as Joseph did, leader and protector of his family. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

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Fourth day: Just and Obedient One

O Lord God, we see the just man, Joseph, kneeling beside the crib and worshiping the newly born Son of God. At the command of the angel, he gently awakens Mother Mary, and, taking the child, he flees into Egypt. With Your Spirit, O God, may we provide "what the world needs, faithful and devoted souls, like St. Joseph; those who stick to their jobs, fulfill their duties, and measure up to their responsibilities." (Pope Leo XIII, Quamquam Pluries). In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Fifth Day: The Faithful Worker

O Father, in every age you call us to develop and use the gifts you have given us. With St. Joseph as our example, help us to do the work you have asked: the work of creating by hand, the study of your Word, and generous service to others. As you led Blessed Joseph by the message of angels, may the Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ, Who lives forever and ever, Amen.

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Sixth Day: The Defender of the Church

O Gracious God, You have been our help in ages past, through the prayers and good deeds of Patriarchs of the Church. We especially call on St. Joseph, Defender of Holy Family, to be present to our church community now. May we turn again to You, Lord, as we leave behind our fears and failures. Empowered by your Holy Spirit, send us forth with your blessing, as one Family in Christ the Lord, forever and ever, Amen.

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Seventh day: Patron of the Dying

O God, St. Joseph demonstrated Your Wisdom and Conformity and accepting Your Divine Command, to depart from this life and from the company of Jesus and Mary. By the joy which filled Joseph's heart, may the Redeemer of the World, triumphant over death and hell, lead all of us through death into the possession of His kingdom. Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

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