



Novena in Honor of Saint Joseph

*(To be prayed at the conclusion of the Intercessions
at Conventual Eucharist.)*

First Day – March 1st

Protector of the Holy Family

Lord God, you gave us Saint Joseph as the loving guardian of the Holy Family that met with many sorrows and joys. As in the weariness and suffering he endured when he found no room in the inn, strengthen us in our disappointments and sorrows. As in 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. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Day – March 12th

Foster Father of Jesus

O Lord God, through an angel you instructed Saint Joseph to name the child “Jesus.” Through the loveliness and power of that sacred name, protect all our families torn apart by abuse, indulgence, and neglect. May Joseph, the loving guardian of the Family of Nazareth, bring us help and protection to spare the lives of the unborn. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

Third Day ~ March 13th
Husband of Mary

O God our Father, you destined Saint 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 union, Lord, help couples now to share home and labor and to work together with noble dignity. May they seek God's will, as Joseph did ~ he who was the leader and protector of his own family. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Fourth Day ~ March 14th
Just and Obedient One

O Lord God, we see the just man, Joseph, kneeling beside the crib and worshipping the newborn Son of God. At the command of the angel, he gently awakened Mother Mary, and, taking the child, he fled 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 responsibility. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Fifth Day ~ March 15th
Faithful Worker

Almighty God, in every age you call us to develop and use the gifts that you have given us. With Saint Joseph as our example, help us to do the work that you have asked ~ the work of our hands, the study of your Word, and the generous service to others. As you led Saint Joseph by the message of angels, may the Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives for ever and ever. Amen.

Sixth Day ~ March 16th
Defender of the Church

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

*Seventh Day – March 17th
Patron of the Dying*

O God, St. Joseph demonstrated wisdom in accepting your divine command to depart from this life and from the company of Jesus and Mary. With the same joy which filled Joseph's heart, may the Redeemer of the World, triumphant over sin and death, lead all of us through death into the possession of His kingdom. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

*Eighth Day – March 18th
Companion of Refugees and Exiles*

O God, to whom no one is a stranger and from whose help no one is ever distant, you faithfully guided Joseph and Mary and Jesus on their journey into Egypt as they fled the threat of Herod's wrath. Look with compassion on refugees and exiles, on segregated persons and on lost children. Restore them, we pray, to a homeland, and give us a kind heart for the needy and for strangers. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

*Ninth Day – March 19th
Instrument of Peace and Justice*

O God, who has revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, you gave your servant, Joseph, an undivided heart, dedicated to working for peace and justice. Grant that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. May all the members of the human race form in peace a single family and always be united by a fraternal spirit. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.