

SAINT JOSEPH NOVENA



BEGIN EACH DAY: OPENING PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and
kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created, and you
shall renew the face of the earth.

Hail, holy Joseph, chosen by God to be the spouse of Mary
and the foster father of Jesus.

Blessed are you, holy Joseph, for the Lord is with you.

Pray for us who call on you,
and help us to overcome sin and do good.
Imitating your example, may we be obedient and
compassionate.

Holy Joseph, guardian of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and protector of the Son of God, pray for us now
and at our last hour. AMEN

CONTINUE WITH: READING, MARCH 11: Matthew 1:20-21, 24

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she had conceived this child.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the Lord had directed him and received her into his home as his wife.

READING, MARCH 12: From a Sermon by Saint Bernardine of Siena

What is Joseph's position in the whole Church of Christ? Is he not a man chosen and set apart? Through him and, yes, under him, Christ was fittingly and honorably introduced into the world. Holy Church in its entirety is indebted to the Virgin Mother, but after her we undoubtedly owe special gratitude and reverence to Saint Joseph.

READING, MARCH 13: Sirach 26:1-3

Happy the husband of a good wife, twice lengthened are his days.
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband; peaceful and full are his days.
A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord.

READING, MARCH 14: From the Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila

I wish I could persuade everyone to be devoted to Saint Joseph, for I have great experience of the blessings which he can obtain from God. I have never known anyone to be truly devoted to him who did not advance in virtue, for he gives very real help to souls who commend themselves to him.

READING, MARCH 15: Luke 2:39-40

When Mary and Joseph had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of God in the temple, they returned to Galilee and their own town of Nazareth. The child Jesus grew in size and strength, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

READING, MARCH 16: From a Sermon by Saint Josemaria Escriva

Saint Joseph was an ordinary sort of man on whom God relied to do great things. He did exactly what the Lord wanted him to do, in each and every event that made up his life. That is why Scripture praises Joseph as “a just man”: a good and faithful servant of God who fulfills the divine will.

READING, MARCH 17: Hebrews 11:1-3

Faith is the confident assurance concerning what we hope for. Because of faith, men and women of old were approved by God. Through faith we perceive that the world was created by the word of God, and that what is visible came into being through the invisible.

READING, MARCH 18: From the writings of Saint John Paul II

May St. Joseph become for all of us an exceptional teacher in the service of Christ's saving mission, a mission which is the responsibility of each and every member of the Church: husbands and wives, parents, those who live by the work of their hands or by any other kind of work, those called to the contemplative life or to the apostolate.

READING, MARCH 19: THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH: Matthew 15:54-55

[Those who heard Jesus speak] were filled with amazement and said, “Where did this man get such wisdom and miraculous power? Isn't this the carpenter's son? Is not Mary known to be his mother?”

RESPONSE AFTER EACH DAY'S READING

God made him master of his household,
and put him in charge of all that he owned.

HERE, NAME YOUR PETITIONS

Lord, through the intercession of Saint Joseph,
hear our prayer.

END EACH DAY: CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, from the family of your servant David
you raised up Saint Joseph to be the guardian
of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother.
Give us the grace to imitate his uprightness of life
and his obedience to your commands,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

May Saint Joseph obtain for our Church, our world, our own parish,
our Sister Parish in El Salvador, as well as for each one of us,
the blessing of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

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