

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

I INTRODUCTION TO THE NOVENA

This novena is to be done nine days in a row. Please think of a special intention you would like to offer through this novena.

Day 1

The Genealogy

Always begin with the sign of the cross and end with the Concluding Prayer found at the end of the novena.

As we begin our novena culminating in our consecration to St. Joseph, we recall God's divine plan, which foresaw and led to the person of St. Joseph.

"Jacob became the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah." (Mt 1:16) (*observe silence*)

Our Father

Hail Mary

*Praise the LORD, for he is good;
for his mercy endures forever.*

Concluding Prayer

Day 2

The Betrothal

We recall St. Joseph's vocation as husband of Mary, in which he receives and reveres Mary as God's gift.

"The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary."
(Lk 1:26-27) (*observe silence*)

Our Father

Hail Mary

*Magnify the LORD with me;
and let us exalt his name together.*

Concluding Prayer

Day 3

The Annunciation to Joseph

We recall St. Joseph's obedience to the angel.

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Mt 1:24) (*observe silence*)

Our Father

Hail Mary

*I delight to do your will, my God,
Your law is in my inner being!*

Concluding Prayer

Day 4

The Nativity

We recall the birth of our Savior, whom Joseph and Mary are the first to adore.

"So they went to haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child." (Lk 2:16-17) (*observe silence*)

Our Father

Hail Mary

*The LORD has made his victory known;
has revealed his triumph in the sight of the
nations.*

Concluding Prayer

Day 5

The Naming

We recall the service of authority which St. Joseph carries out in the Holy Family.

“When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” (Lk 2:21) *(observe silence)*

Our Father

Hail Mary

*You have given him rule over the works of your hands,
put all things at his feet.*

Concluding Prayer

Day 6

The Presentation

We recall the worship that St. Joseph and Our Lady offer God in the temple.

“When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord and to offer the sacrifice.” (Lk 2:22, 24) *(observe silence)*

Our Father

Hail Mary

*My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.
My heart and flesh cry out for the living God.*

Concluding Prayer

Day 7

The Flight to Egypt

We recall the flight to Egypt, in which St. Joseph spares nothing to defend Christ and Our Lady.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.” (Mt 2:14) *(observe silence)*

Our Father

Hail Mary

I have chosen David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him.

My hand will be with him; my arm will make him strong.

Concluding Prayer

Day 8

Finding Jesus in the Temple

We recall the faithfulness of St. Joseph and Mary in the midst of confusion.

“But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.” (Lk 2:50-51) *(observe silence)*

Our Father

Hail Mary

*Make known to me your ways, LORD;
teach me yours paths.*

Concluding Prayer

Day 9

The Death of St. Joseph

We recall St. Joseph’s joyful acceptance of death in God’s time.

“The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.” (Wis 3:1-3) *(observe silence)*

Our Father

Hail Mary

*You will show me the path to life,
the delights at your right hand forever.*

Concluding Prayer

Hail, Guardian, of the Redeemer
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entered his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.
