

## *Memorare to Saint Joseph and Litany of St. Joseph*

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, my spiritual father, and beg your protection. O Foster Father of the Redeemer, despise not my petitions, but in your goodness, hear and answer me. Amen.

Lord, have mercy on us.  
*Christ, have mercy on us.*  
Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.  
*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*  
God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*  
Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*  
Saint Joseph, *pray for us*

Illustrious Scion of David,  
Light of Patriarchs,  
Spouse of the Mother of God,  
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,  
Foster-father of the Son of God,  
Watchful defender of Christ,  
Head of the Holy Family,

Joseph most just,  
Joseph most chaste,  
Joseph most prudent,  
Joseph most valiant,  
Joseph most obedient,  
Joseph most faithful,

Mirror of patience,

Lover of poverty,  
Model of workmen,  
Example to parents,  
Guardian of virgins,  
Pillar of families,  
Solace of the afflicted,  
Hope of the sick,  
Patron of the dying,  
Terror of demons,  
Protector of the Church, pray for us.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

**V.** He made him lord over his house,  
**R.** And the ruler of all his possessions.

*Let us pray.*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
by your ineffable providence  
you chose saint Joseph  
to be the spouse of your most holy Mother:  
grant, we beseech you,  
that we may have him for an intercessor in heaven,  
as we venerate him as our protector on earth.  
You who live and and reign forever and  
ever. **R.** Amen.

Starting today, there is a 33-day consecration to St. Joseph using the new book on *Consecration to St. Joseph* by Fr. Donald Calloway. The 33 days would end on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1. The book is sold out on many online sites; however, if you have a Kindle, you can purchase the download version. I have that one myself, and I have used it already for the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19. I will use it again to pray for the consecration and asking St. Joseph's fatherly protection of us all during this stressful time.

The Statue of St. Joseph found at the entrance of the Retreat Center has been on campus since 1928. One of the prayers that was included in an old yearbook with a picture of the statue says, "St. Joseph, watch over us." Another to include would be: St. Joseph – protect us! As patron of the universal church, we look to his powerful intercession on our behalf. Fr. David Huemmer, Chaplain & Spiritual Director, SJRCC

