

# Novena a St. Joseph

## **THE SIGN OF THE CROSS**

**In the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen**

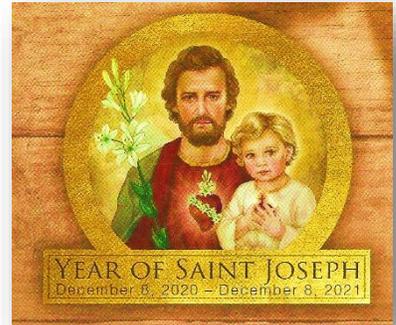
O Glorious St. Joseph,  
faithful follower of Jesus Christ,  
to you do we raise our hearts and hands,  
to implore your powerful intercession  
in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus  
all the helps and graces necessary  
for our spiritual and temporal welfare,  
particularly the grace of a happy death,  
and the special favor we now implore.

O guardian of the Word Incarnate,  
we feel filled with confidence  
that your prayers on our behalf  
will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

O Glorious St. Joseph,  
through the love you bear to Jesus Christ,  
and for the glory of His name,  
hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

## **Let us pray**

O Glorious St. Joseph,  
spouse of the Immaculate Virgin,  
obtain for us a pure,  
humble, and charitable mind,  
and perfect resignation to the divine Will.  
Be our guide, father and model through life,  
that we may merit to die as you did,  
in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.



*BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE ASSIGNED DAY, INVITE EVERYONE TO PRAY IN SILENCE FOR THEIR PERSONAL INTENTIONS DURING THE NOVENA (1-2 MINUTES SILENCE).*

## Day One

O great St. Joseph,  
with feelings of unlimited confidence,  
we beg you to bless this novena  
that we begin in your honor.  
"You are never invoked in vain"  
says the seraphic St. Theresa of Jesus.



Be you then to me  
what you have been to that spouse  
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
and graciously hear me as you did her.  
Amen.

Oh Guardians of Virgins and Holy Father St. Joseph,  
into whose faithful keeping were entrusted  
Christ Jesus, Innocence itself, and Mary, Virgin of virgins,  
I pray and beseech thee by these dear pledges,  
Jesus and Mary, that, being preserved  
from all uncleanness, I may with spotless mind,  
pure heart and chaste body,  
ever serve Jesus and Mary most chastely  
all the days of my life. Amen.

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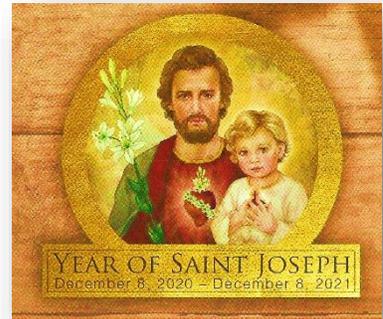
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## Day Two

O blessed Saint Joseph,  
tender-hearted father,  
faithful guardian of Jesus,  
chaste spouse of the Mother of God,  
we pray and beseech you  
to offer to God the Father,  
His divine son, bathed in blood  
on the Cross for sinners,  
and through the thrice holy name of Jesus  
obtain for us of the eternal Father  
the favor for which we implore your intercession...  
Amid the splendors of eternity,  
forget not the sorrows of those who pray, those who weep;  
stay the almighty arm which smites us,  
that by your prayers and those of your most holy spouse,  
the Heart of Jesus may be moved  
to pity and to pardon. Amen.



Oh Guardians of Virgins and Holy Father St. Joseph,  
into whose faithful keeping were entrusted Christ Jesus,  
Innocence itself, and Mary, Virgin of virgins,  
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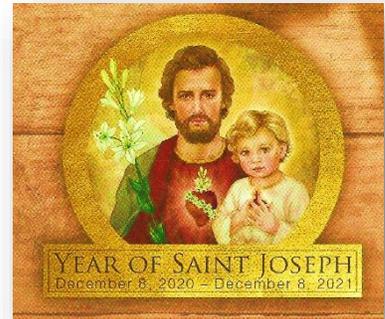
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Blessed St. Joseph,  
enkindle in our cold hearts  
a spark of your charity.  
May God be always the first  
and only object of our affections.



Keep our souls always  
in sanctifying grace and,  
if we should be so unhappy as to lose it,  
give us the strength to recover it immediately  
by a sincere repentance.  
Help us to such a love of our God  
as will always keep us united to Him.  
Amen.

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## Day Four

Saint Joseph, pride of Heaven,  
unfailing hope for our lives,  
and support of those on earth,  
graciously accept our prayer of praise.  
You were appointed spouse  
of the chaste Virgin  
by the Creator of the world.



He willed that you be called "father" of the Word  
and serve as agent of our salvation.  
May the triune God  
who bestowed upon you heavenly honors,  
be praised forever.  
And may He grant us through your merits  
the joy of a blessed life  
and a favorable answer to our petition.  
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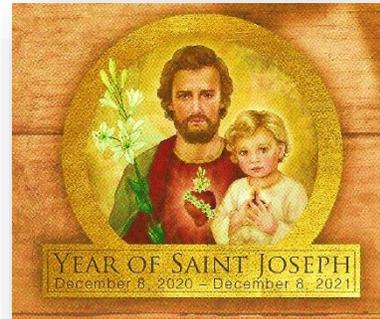
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O holy St. Joseph,  
what a lesson your life is for us,  
ever so eager to appear  
so anxious to display  
before the eyes of men  
the graces that we owe entirely to the  
liberality of God.



In addition to the special favor  
for which we plead in this novena...  
grant that we may attribute to God the glory of all things,  
that we may love the humble and hidden life,  
that we may not desire any other position  
than the one given us by Providence  
and that we may always be  
a docile instrument in the hands of God.  
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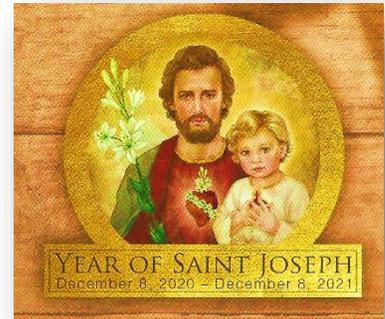
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## Day Six

O glorious Saint Joseph,  
appointed by the Eternal Father  
as the guardian and protector of the life of  
Jesus Christ,  
the comfort and support of His Holy Mother,  
and the instrument in His great design  
for the redemption of mankind;



You who had the happiness  
of living with Jesus and Mary,  
and of dying in their arms,  
be moved with confidence we place in you,  
and procure for us from the Almighty,  
the particular favor which  
we humbly ask through your intercession...  
Amen.

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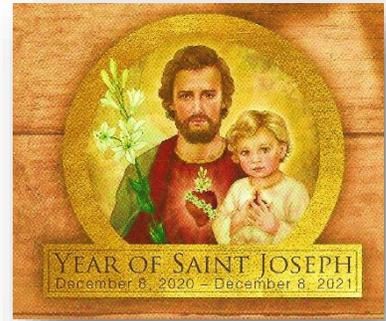
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O faithful and prudent Saint Joseph,  
watch over our weakness  
and our inexperience;  
obtain for us that prudence  
which reminds us of our end,  
which directs our paths  
and which protects us from every danger.



Pray for us, then, O great Saint,  
and by your love for Jesus and Mary,  
and by their love for you,  
obtain for us the favor we ask in this novena...  
Amen.

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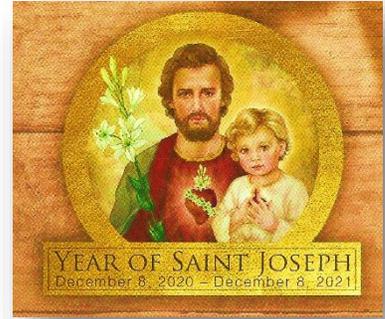
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## Day Eight

O blessed Joseph,  
to whom it was given not only to see  
and to hear that God whom many kings  
longed to see and saw not;  
to hear and heard not;  
but also to carry Him in your arms,  
to embrace Him, to clothe Him,  
and to guard and defend Him,  
come to our assistance and intercede with Him  
to look favorably on our present petition.  
Amen.



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## Day Nine

O good Saint Joseph, help us to be like you,  
gentle to those whose weakness leans on us;  
help us to give to those who seek our aid,  
succor that they may journey unafraid.

Give us your faith,  
that we may see the right shining above the  
victories of might.

Give us your hope that we may stand secure,  
untouched by doubting, steadfast to endure.

Give us your love that as the years increase  
an understanding heart may bring us peace.

Give us your purity that the hour of death  
finds us untouched by evil's breath.

Give us your love of labor  
that we shirk no lot in life that calls us for honest work.

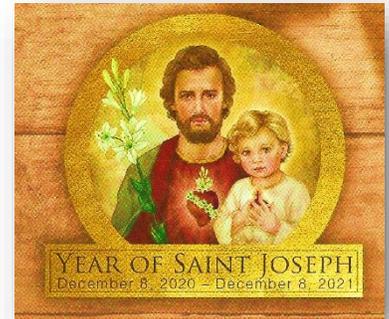
Give us your love of poverty so that we live contented,  
let wealth come or go.

Give us your courage that we may be strong;  
give us your meekness to confess our sins.

Give us your patience that we may possess the kingdom  
of our souls without distress.

Help us, dear Saint,  
to live that when life ends  
we pass with you to Jesus and His friends.

O Glorious Saint Joseph,  
hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.  
Amen.



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# Litany of St. Joseph



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

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

Jesus, hear us,  
God the Father of heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the World,  
God the Holy Spirit,  
Holy Trinity, one God,

***Jesus, graciously hear us.  
have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.  
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have mercy on us.***

Holy Mary,  
St. Joseph,  
Renowned offspring of David,  
Light of Patriarchs,  
Spouse of the Mother of God,  
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,  
Foster father of the Son of God,  
Diligent protector of Christ,  
Head of the Holy Family,  
Joseph most just,  
Joseph most chaste,  
Joseph most prudent,  
Joseph most strong,

***pray for us.  
pray for us.***

Joseph most obedient,  
Joseph most faithful,  
Mirror of patience,  
Lover of poverty,  
Model of artisans,  
Glory of home life,  
Guardian of virgins,  
Pillar of families,  
Solace of the wretched,  
Hope of the sick,  
Patron of the dying,  
Terror of demons,  
Protector of Holy Church,

*pray for us.*  
*pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of  
the world,

*spare us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of  
the world,

*graciously hear us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of  
the world,

*have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

He made him the lord of his household

*And prince over all his  
possessions.*

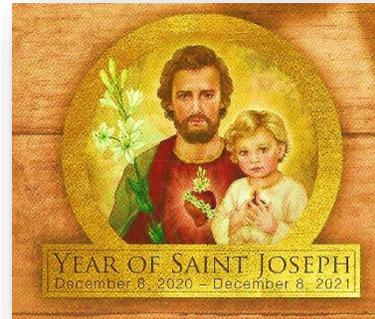
**Let us pray:**

O God, in your ineffable providence  
you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph  
to be the spouse of your most holy Mother;  
grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy  
to have him for our intercessor in heaven  
whom on earth we venerate as our Protector:  
You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

## *Memorare to 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  
unassisted.

Full of confidence in your power  
I fly unto you and beg your protection.  
Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer  
my humble supplication, but in your bounty,  
hear and answer me. Amen.



## *Act of Consecration to St. Joseph*

O dearest St. Joseph,  
I consecrate myself to your honor  
and give myself to you,  
that you may always be my father,  
my protector and my guide in the way of salvation.

Obtain for me a greater purity of heart  
and fervent love of the interior life.  
After your example may I do all my actions  
for the greater glory of God,  
in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus  
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me,  
that I may share in the peace  
and joy of your holy death. Amen.

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