“By the Creator Joseph Was Appointed”

1. By the Creator, Joseph was appointed
2. Christ in whose presence hosts of hell must tremble,
3. To God eternal be all praise and glory,

spouse of the Virgin, guardian of th’Incarnate; he by his
Ruler of all things, Lord of earth and heaven, Monarch of
who to Saint Joseph gave supernal honor; grant that we

caring ministered to Jesus,
monarchs, to his earthly father
also may like him be faithful

source of salvation.
freely was subject.
in our obedience.
“Dear Guardian of Mary”

Verse 1
Dear Guardian of Mary! dear nurse of her Child! Life’s ways are full weary, the

desert is wild; Bleak sands are all round us, no home... can we see;
Sweet

Verse 2
Spouse of our Lady, we lean safe on thee. For thou to the pilgrim art father and
guide, And Jesus and Mary felt safe at thy side. O Glorious Patron, se-
cure... shall I be, Sweet Spouse of our Lady, if thou stay with me! God

Verse 3
chose thee for Jesus and Mary; wilt thou Forgive a poor exile for choosing thee
now? There’s no saint in heaven Saint Joseph, like thee, Sweet Spouse of our

La
dy, do thou plead for me.
**LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH**

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.
PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH AFTER THE ROSARY/LITANY

To you, O Blessed Joseph, we come in our trials, and having asked the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently ask your patronage also. Through that sacred bond of charity which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to look graciously upon the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood, and to aid us in our necessities with your power and strength.

O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ. Most beloved father, dispel the evil of falsehood and sin. Our most mighty protector, graciously assist us from heaven in our struggle with the powers of darkness. And just as you once saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger, so now defend God’s Holy Church from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity. Shield each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your help, we may be able to live a virtuous life, to die a holy death, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

*See appendix for further options*
First Wednesday of Month Devotion

The Votive Mass of St. Joseph (Roman Missal, Votive Masses, no. 13) with its accompanying readings (Lectionary, vols. I or II, nos. 543 or 559) is to be celebrated on each first Wednesday of the month from August 16th through May 1st, with the exceptions of October 7th (the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary), November 4th (the Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo), and April 7th (Wednesday of the Octave of Easter). On weekdays, only one reading proceeds the Gospel.

[no. 543] From Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19)
First Reading
Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Respansorial Psalm
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Second Reading
4:13, 16-18, 22
Gospel
Mathew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Luke 2:41-51a

Or

[no. 559] From Feast of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1)
First Reading
Genesis 1:26-2:3 or
Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24
Respansorial Psalm
Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16
Gospel
Mathew 13:54-58

Holy Hour to St. Joseph

1. Expose the Blessed Sacrament after the First Wednesday Mass
2. Incense and “O Saving Victim”, “O Salutaris”
3. Read Gospel from Mk 1:16, 18-21, 24a or LK 2:41-51a
4. Period of Silence
5. Recite Litany of St. Joseph (See Prayers and Liturgy section)
6. Recite Prayer to Saint Joseph after the Litany (See Prayers and Liturgy section)
7. Sing hymn of St. Joseph (See Prayers and Liturgy section)
8. Incense and “Tantum Ergo”, “Down in Adoration”
9. “You have given them bread from Heaven…”
10. Prayer of St. Thomas, “O God, who in this wonderful…”
11. Blessing with the Monstrance
12. The Divine Praises and Reposition
13. “Holy God We praise Thy Name