

## **Prayer of Consecration**

(By Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

On this day, before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I, \_\_\_\_\_, a repentant sinner, consecrate myself, body and soul, to you, St. Joseph.

I turn to you as my spiritual father and place my life and my salvation into your hands. Confident in your goodness, I place myself under your paternal cloak and ask you to protect me from the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Saint Joseph, you are the virginal husband of the Mother of God! Help me to love her with tender affection and filial devotion. Mary is my spiritual mother and the surest, fastest, and easiest way to Jesus. Keep me close to her and, together with her, bring me closer to Jesus.

Never depart from me, St. Joseph. Nourish me with the Bread of Life, instruct me in the wisdom of the saints, help me carry my cross, and keep me always in the Catholic Church. When I die, take me to the Kingdom of Heaven to see Jesus and Mary.

From this day onward, I will never forget you. I will speak of you often, spend time with you in prayer and, with your help, earnestly strive to sin no more. Should I fall, help me to repent and go to Confession. Should I go astray, guide me back to the truth.

Before heaven and earth, my soul cries out: Praise to the Holy Trinity who has made you prince over all their possessions! Praise to the Virgin Mary who loves you and longs to see you loved! Praise to you, my spiritual father, the great St. Joseph!

I give everything to you, St. Joseph. Take me as your own. I am yours.  
Amen!

**Our Father**

**Final Blessing**



# **Consecration to St. Joseph**

St. Aidan Parish

Sunday, December 27th, 2020

Feast of the Holy Family

## Greeting

### Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God, the Holy Spirit,  
Holy Trinity, One God,

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
St. Joseph,

Noble Offspring of David

Light of the Patriarchs,

Spouse of the Mother of God,  
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin,  
Foster-Father of the Son of God,  
Zealous Defender of Christ,  
Head of the Holy Family,

Joseph Most Just,  
Joseph Most Chaste,  
Joseph Most Prudent,  
Joseph Most Courageous,  
Joseph Most Obedient,  
Joseph Most Faithful,

*Lord have mercy.*

*Christ have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

*have mercy on us.*

*have mercy on us.*

*have mercy on us.*

*have mercy on us.*

*pray for us...*

Mirror of Patience,  
Lover of Poverty,  
Model of Workmen,  
Glory of Domestic Life,  
Guardian of Virgins,  
Pillar of Families  
Comfort of the Afflicted,  
Hope of the Sick,  
Patron of the Dying,  
Terror of Demons,  
Protector of the Holy Church

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the World, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the World, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the World, *Have Mercy on us.*

He has made him lord of his household,  
*And prince over all his possessions.*

Let us pray: O God, who, in your loving providence, chose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most Holy Mother, grant us the favor of having him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our protector. You, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

## First Reading

A reading from the second Book of Samuel

The Lord spoke to Nathan and said: “Go, tell my servant David, ‘When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. It is he who shall build a house for my name. And I will make his royal throne firm forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.’”

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Ps 89)

*The son of David will live forever.*

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ*

## Reflection