

# Prayers for the Year of St. Joseph

*Pope Francis requested that a Year of St. Joseph be observed from December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021. Below are some prayers to St. Joseph for use throughout this special year.*

## To You, O Blessed Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus

Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

## Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, 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.*

St. Joseph, *pray for us.*

Illustrious son of David, *pray for us.*

Light of patriarchs, *pray for us.*

Spouse of the Mother of God, *pray for us.*

Chaste guardian of the Virgin, *pray for us.*

Foster father of the Son of God, *pray for us.*

Watchful defender of Christ, *pray for us.*

Head of the Holy Family, *pray for us.*

Joseph most just, *pray for us.*

Joseph most chaste, *pray for us.*

Joseph most prudent, *pray for us.*

Joseph most valiant, *pray for us.*

Joseph most obedient, *pray for us.*

Joseph most faithful, *pray for us.*

Mirror of patience, *pray for us.*

Lover of poverty, *pray for us.*

Model of workmen, *pray for us.*

Glory of domestic life, *pray for us.*

Guardian of virgins, *pray for us.*

Pillar of families, *pray for us.*

Solace of the afflicted, *pray for us.*  
Hope of the sick, *pray for us.*  
Patron of the dying, *pray for us.*  
Terror of demons, *pray for us.*  
Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us.*

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 made him the lord of his household.  
*And prince over all his possessions.*

Let us pray.  
O God, who in your inexpressible providence were pleased to choose St. Joseph as spouse of the most holy Mother of your Son,  
grant, we pray,  
that we, who revere him as our protector on earth,  
may be worthy of his heavenly intercession.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted 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.

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### Sources:

Pope Leo XIII composed the prayer “To You, O Blessed Joseph” for his 1889 encyclical *Quamquam Pluries*. He asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary, especially during the month of October (*Quamquam Pluries* 6). Translation is from the “Manual of Indulgences” (USCCB 2006 edition).

The text of the “Litany of St. Joseph” is a traditional translation. The concluding prayer is the Collect of the Votive Mass of St. Joseph from the 2010 translation of the *Roman Missal*.

Pope Francis wrote the “Prayer to St. Joseph” for his Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, published on December 8, 2020 (downloaded from [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)).

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