

# Saint Joseph Novena

## Novena Prayer

Priest: Ever blessed and glorious Joseph, kind and loving father, and helpful friend of all in sorrow! You are the good father and protector of orphans, the defender of the defenseless, the patron of those in need and sorrow. Look kindly on my request. My sins have drawn down on me the just displeasure of my God, and so I am surrounded with unhappiness. To you, loving guardian of the family of Nazareth, do I go for help and protection.

People: Listen, then, I beg you, with fatherly concern, to my earnest, and obtain for me the favor I ask.

Priest: I ask it by the infinite mercy of the Eternal Son of God, which moved Him to take our nature and to be born into this world of sorrow.

People: I ask it by the weariness and suffering you endured when you found no shelter at the inn of Bethlehem for the Holy Virgin, nor a place where the Son of God could be born. Then, being everywhere refused, you had to allow the Queen of Heaven to give birth to the world's Redeemer in a cave.

Priest: I ask it by the loveliness and power of that sacred Name, Jesus, which you conferred on the adorable Infant.

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**People:** I ask it by the painful torture you felt at the prophecy of holy Simeon, which declared the Child Jesus and His holy Mother future victims of our sins and of their great love for us.

**Priest:** I ask it through your sorrow and pain of soul when the angel declared to you that the life of the Child Jesus was sought by His enemies. From their evil plan, you had to flee with Him and His Blessed Mother to Egypt. I ask it by all the suffering, weariness, and labors of that long and dangerous journey.

**People:** I ask it by all your care to protect the Sacred Child and His Immaculate Mother during your second journey, when you were ordered to return to your own country. I ask it by your peaceful life in Nazareth where you met with so many joys and sorrows.

**Priest:** I ask it by your great distress when the adorable Child was lost to you and His mother for three days. I ask it by your joy at finding Him in the temple, and by the comfort you found at Nazareth, while living in the company of the Child Jesus. I ask it by the wonderful submission He showed in His obedience to you.

**People:** I ask it by the perfect love and conformity you showed in accepting the Divine order to depart from this life, and from the company of Jesus and Mary. I ask it by the joy which filled your soul, when the Redeemer of the world, triumphant over death and hell, entered into

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the possession of His kingdom and led you into it with special honors.

Priest: I ask it through Mary's glorious Assumption, and through that endless happiness you have with her in the presence of God.

People: O good father! I beg you, by all your sufferings, sorrows, and joys, to hear me and obtain for me what I ask. (Here name your petitions or think of them.)

Priest: Obtain for all those who have asked my prayers everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Finally, my dear patron and father, be with me and all who are dear to me in our last moments, that we may eternally sing the praises of:  
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

People: Pray for us in all our needs.

**"A blameless life,  
St. Joseph,  
may we lead,  
by your kind patronage  
from danger freed."**

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## Litany of Saint 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 Ghost, *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, *etc.*  
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,  
Glory of home life,  
Guardian of virgins,  
Pillar of families,  
Solace of the afflicted,

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

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
*spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
*graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest 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.*

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who in Thine ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may have him for an intercessor in heaven, whom we venerate as our protector on earth. Who livest and reignest world without end.

R: *Amen.*