



Devotion to St. Joseph for the Year of St. Joseph

December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

This short form of prayer is provided for parishes to use as they see fit during this Year of St. Joseph. Some possibilities for when to use it:

- *...after Mass, especially on Wednesdays, the day especially associated with devotion to St. Joseph. It could be prayed standing in front of or facing the parish's statue or icon of St. Joseph.*
 - *...as the opening or closing prayer for a meeting, class, seminar, etc.*
 - *Families might be encouraged to pray it on Wednesdays, at meal time or bedtime*
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Sign of the Cross

Leader: +In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Scripture Verse

One of the following, or another brief passage may be read:

“You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.” (*Micah 6:8*)

OR:

“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.” (*Matthew 1:20-21*)

OR:

“Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter's son?” (*Matthew 13:54-55*)

Prayer

Two options are given. "Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer" is a new prayer composed by Pope Francis for this Year of St. Joseph. "Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph" is a 19th-century French prayer to St. Joseph which Pope Francis has prayed daily for more than 40 years.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader alone, or provide copies so all can pray together.

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.

OR:

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,
whose power makes the impossible possible,
come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.
Take under your protection
the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you,
that they may have a happy outcome.
My beloved father, all my trust is in you.
Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain,
and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,
show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

Litany

Conclude with 3 appropriate invocations from the Litany of St. Joseph, or on more solemn occasions, more could be added. You can find the whole litany here: <https://osjusa.org/prayers/litany-st-joseph/>.

Leader: Saint Joseph, *ALL: pray for us.*

Leader: Husband of the Mother of God, *ALL: pray for us.*

Leader: Foster Father of the Son of God, *ALL: pray for us.*

Leader: Faithful guardian of Christ, *ALL: pray for us.*

Leader: Head of the Holy Family, *ALL: pray for us.*

Leader: Foster Father of the Son of God, *ALL: pray for us.*

Leader: Joseph, chaste and just, *ALL: pray for us.*

Leader: Joseph, prudent and brave, *ALL: pray for us.*

Leader: Joseph, obedient and loyal, ALL: pray for us.

Leader: Joseph, pattern of patience, ALL: pray for us.

Leader: Joseph, lover of poverty, ALL: pray for us.

Leader: Joseph, model of workers, ALL: pray for us.

Leader: Joseph, example to parents, ALL: pray for us.

Leader: Joseph, pillar of family life, ALL: pray for us.

Leader: Joseph, comfort of the troubled, ALL: pray for us.

Leader: Joseph, hope of the sick, ALL: pray for us.

Leader: Joseph, patron of the dying, ALL: pray for us.

Leader: Joseph, protector of the Church, ALL: pray for us.

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All: Amen.