

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

PRAYERS



FROM THE CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF JESUS AND MARY (FRANCE, 19TH CENTURY)

In his Apostolic Letter "Patris corde," Pope Francis writes, "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds I have recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph:

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."

POPE LEO XIII – *Quamauam Pluries* (1889)

The official prayer of the Year of St. Joseph—To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)—was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, Quamauam Pluries. The Holy Father asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary especially during October, the month of the Holy Rosary. This prayer is enriched with a partial indulgence (Source: USCCB).

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions,
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 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,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, One God,

*have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,
St. Joseph,
Illustrious son 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,

*pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.*

Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most valiant,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,

*pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.*

Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of workmen,
Glory of home life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,

*pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.*

Solace of the afflicted,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of Holy Church,

*pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

*Spare us, O Lord!
Graciously hear us, O Lord!
Have mercy on us!*

V. He made him the lord of His household,

R. And prince over all His possessions.

Let us pray

O God, who in your ineffable providence
chose Blessed Joseph
to be the spouse of your most holy Mother,
grant, we beseech you,
that he whom we venerate as our protector on earth
may be our intercessor in heaven.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

MEMORARE TO SAINT JOSEPH

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
my great protector, Saint Joseph,
that no one ever had recourse to your protection,
or implored your aid without obtaining relief.
Confiding therefore in your goodness,
I come before you.
Do not turn down my petitions,
foster father of the Redeemer,
but graciously receive them. Amen.

