

DEVOTIONS TO SAINT JOSEPH

A Prayer to Saint Joseph for Those
Who Work

GLORIOUS Saint Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, pray for me that I may obtain the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my inclinations; to work with gratitude and joy, deeming it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, without recoiling before weariness or difficulties; to work, above all, with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, always having death before my eyes and the account which I must render of time lost, talents wasted, good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

Guardian of virgins, and holy father Joseph, to whose faithful custody Christ Jesus, Innocence itself, and Mary, Virgin of virgins, were committed, I pray and beseech thee that by thy intercession I may be spotless in mind, pure in heart, and chaste in body to serve Jesus all the days of my life. Amen.

Hymn to Saint Joseph

Te, Joseph, celebrent

O JOSEPH, heav'nly hosts thy worthi-
ness proclaim,

And Christendom conspires to celebrate thy
fame,

Thou who in purest bonds wert to the Vir-
gin bound;

How glorious is thy name renowned.

Thou, when thou didst behold thy Spouse
about to bear,

Wert sore oppressed with doubt, wert filled
with wond'ring care;

At length the Angel's word thy anxious
heart relieved:

She by the Spirit hath conceived.

Thou with thy new-born Lord didst seek far
Egypt's land,

As wandering pilgrims, ye fled o'er the desert
sand;

That Lord, when lost, by thee is in the
temple found,

While tears are shed, and joys abound.

Not till death's hour is past do other men
obtain

The meed of holiness, and glorious rest
attain;

Thou, like to Angels made, in life completely blest,

Dost clasp thy God unto thy breast.

O Holy Trinity, thy suppliant servants spare;

Grant us to rise to heaven, for Joseph's sake and prayer,

And so our grateful hearts to thee shall ever raise

Exulting canticles of praise. Amen.

Collects

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that we may be aided through the merits of the Spouse of thy most holy Mother: that those things, which by our own power we cannot obtain, may through his intercession be granted unto us. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

O GOD, who by thy ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of thy most holy Mother: grant, we beseech thee; that we, who venerate him as a protector on earth, may be found worthy to have him as an intercessor in heaven. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

God the Father of heaven,
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God,

} Have
 mercy
 upon us.

Holy Mary, spouse of Joseph,
 Holy Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary,
 Foster-father of Jesus,
 Man after God's own heart,
 Model of industry, consecrating the labour
 of thy hands to God,
 Guardian of the virginity of Mary,
 Companion and solace of Mary,
 St. Joseph, declared a just man by the
 Holy Ghost,
 Taught from above the mystery of the In-
 carnate Word,
 Journeying to Bethlehem with Mary, thy
 spouse,
 Bearing in thine arms the Son of God,
 Fleeing at the warning of the angel into
 Egypt with the young Child and his
 mother,
 Who, sorrowing, sought the Child Jesus,
 and found him in the temple,
 To whom the Lord of lords was subject on
 earth,
 Who was the happy witness of his hidden
 life,
 Who died in the arms of Jesus and Mary,

} Pray for us.

Whose praise is in the Gospel,
 In all our necessities,
 In all our distresses,
 In the hour of death,
 In the day of Judgment,

} Pray for us.

We sinners beseech thee to hear us, O
 Lord, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to
 pardon our sins,
 That thou wouldest teach us to follow thy
 saints in all godly living,
 That thou wouldest bestow the chastity of
 the religious state on those whom thou
 dost call,
 That thou wouldest bless all those who live
 in the holy bonds of matrimony,
 That thou wouldest direct all parents in
 the Christian education of their chil-
 dren,
 That thou wouldest support us in the hour
 of our death,

} We beseech thee to hear us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 world,

Hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 world,

Have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst choose St. Joseph to be
 the spouse of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and the
 guardian and foster-father of thine incarnate
 Son; we humbly beseech thee to grant us,
 through his patronage and merits, such purity
 of mind and body, that, being cleansed from

every sin, and clothed with the true marriage garment, we may, by thy great mercy, be admitted to the heavenly nuptials. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



DEVOTIONS TO THE HOLY ANGELS

ANGELS, Archangels, Thrones and Dominations, Principalities and Powers, Virtues of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, bless the Lord for ever.

V. O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

R. Praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Let us pray.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so, by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth. Through Christ our Lord.

YE holy Angels, our Guardians, defend us in the time of battle, lest we perish in the dreadful day of judgment.