

Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
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
Saint Joseph, pray for us
Renowned offspring of King David, pray for us
Light of Patriarchs, pray for us
Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us
Chaste guardian of Mary, pray for us
Foster-father of the Son of God, pray for us
Diligent protector of Christ, pray for us
Joseph most just, pray for us
Joseph most chaste, pray for us
Joseph most prudent, pray for us
Joseph most strong, pray for us
Joseph most obedient, pray for us
Joseph most faithful, pray for us
Mirror of patience, pray for us
Model of artisans, pray for us
Glory of home life, pray for us
Pillar of families, pray for us
Solace of the wretched, 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 take away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Let us pray.

□ God, who in Thine unspeakable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thine own most holy Mother: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom we reverence as our defender on earth: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.



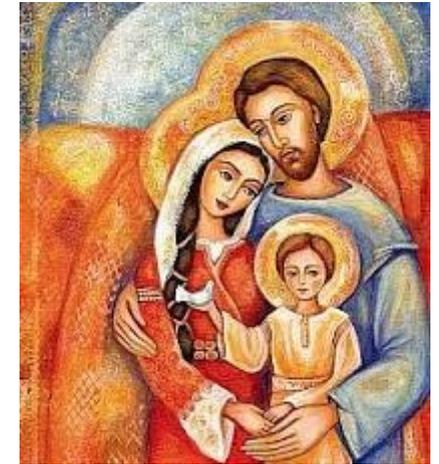
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Saint Joseph Protector of Families



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Where Heart Speaks to Heart

Fathers Matter



One of the titles given to Saint Joseph is Protector of the Family. Of course, how the fathers of today contribute to family life differs a great deal from the role Joseph played in the life of Jesus. We live in an age when parenting is rightly regarded as a shared endeavor which has caused some people to feel a little disorientated which needn't be the case. So we have produced this leaflet to encourage the fathers of our own community to be proud of their own role in their own family however it is lived out. We also want to encourage the Dads of the parish to become ever more conscious that their prayers are also of value.

A Father's Prayer

O Lord our God, I thank you for the gift of fatherhood and ask for your help when I experience difficulties, feel out of my depth and might be tempted to neglect my responsibilities, to love and to protect my family.

Help me to turn away from the things that separate me from you. Guide and inspire the decisions big and small that occur along the way.



Help me discern how best to fulfil my role both as a father and in all I do.

Give me the strength and guidance needed to fulfil my role, to accept my proper place in society, following the example of Joseph, husband of Mary.

I ask your protection over those you have placed in my care; guard them against any evil or harmful influence.

May our home be a place of safety, comfort, love, joy and peace. Amen.

Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you, and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love, but not your thoughts. For they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward, nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.

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