



## MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH OUR PATRON

### NOVENA PRAYERS BEFORE MASS

\* **Saint Joseph**, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. I have special confidence in you. You are powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants.

I humbly invoke you and commend myself, with all who are dear to me, to your intercession. By the love you have for Jesus and Mary, do not abandon me during life, and assist me at the hour of my death.

Glorious **Saint Joseph**, spouse of the immaculate Virgin, foster-father of Jesus Christ, obtain for me a pure, humble and charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving **Saint Joseph**, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death.

Guardian of the Word incarnate, I am confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

\*\* Remember, O chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never has it been known that anyone who implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I hasten unto thee. Listen, O foster-father of the Redeemer, to my humble prayer, and in thy goodness hear and answer me. **Amen.**

## NOVENA PRAYERS AFTER MASS

O Blessed **Saint Joseph**, tender hearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Mother of God, I pray to you to join with me in praising God the Father through His divine Son who died on the Cross and rose again to give us sinners new life. O powerful intercessor for all Christian, whose mediation of St. Teresa of Jesus assures us, has never been found to fail, through the holy name of Jesus, pray with us and intercede on our behalf, that we may obtain the favour we now ask... ( pause and here make your request ).

\*\*\* O **Saint Joseph** whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O **Saint Joseph** do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord, so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. O **Saint Joseph**, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. **Saint Joseph**, patron of departing souls, pray for us. **Amen.**

\*Adapted from Treasury of Novenas, New York Catholic Book, Publishing, 1986

\*\*This prayer is called the Memorare of Saint Joseph

\*\*\*This prayer is reportedly the oldest known to Saint Joseph (over 1900 years old)

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