

Prayer & Friendship with St. Joseph



Litany of St. Joseph

Joseph most just, prudent and faithful ... Pray for us

Lover of people who are poor and on the margins ... Inspire us to work for a more just and compassionate world

Solace of the outcast ... Encourage us to welcome and respect all people

Model of Peace ... Empower us to promote peace in our lives and ministry

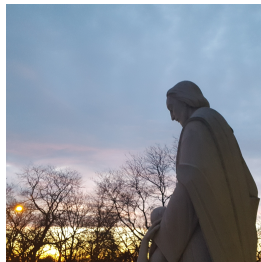
Companion of displaced persons ... Awaken us to the needs of refugees and immigrants

Carpenter and artisan ... Guide us to work creatively for the common good

Hope of the sick and dying ... Inspire us to live compassionately

Patron of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace ... Lead us in the way of Peace. Amen

Prayer from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace



Speaking of Joseph

No doubt we may point to St. Joseph as the great model of every virtue, but it would seem as if peace was his crowning grace.

Margaret Anna Cusack (Mother Francis Clare)
founder of Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace

He is the one I go to whenever I am 'in a fix.'

Pope Francis

St Joseph never fails. He always answers petitions.

Dorothy Day

I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of him which he failed to grant.

Teresa of Avila

The Blessed Patriarch looks upon the multitude of Christians who make up the Church as confided specially to his trust, this limitless family spread over the earth.

Pope Leo XIII

Each of us can discover in Joseph--the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence--an intercessor, a support, and a guide in times of trouble.

Pope Francis

Reflection Questions & Prayers

What comes to your mind/heart when you think of St. Joseph?

What images of Joseph speak to you most? Why?

How is St. Joseph relevant today?

What is your relationship with Joseph?

How might you develop your spiritual friendship with St. Joseph?

What are the big worries you can hand over to Joseph?



St Joseph, we share our prayers and petitions with you, knowing that you are always paying attention, ready to help craft a solution. Patient and present, you answered the call of an angel that made no earthly sense. You stood by Mary. You raised Jesus. Your words are not recorded, but your actions speak volumes. We come to you often, our steady friend, you who never fail nor tire of our petitions. And here I come, once again, to ask for your intercession [share your worries with St. Joseph]. Amen

St. Joseph, inspire us to be open to the unexpected Spirit-filled moments. Pray with and for us, that we too may see the extraordinary possibilities hidden in the ordinariness of life. Thank you for the many ways you modeled acceptance and loving response to God's love. May we too respond to God's gifts with faith, gratitude, and loving action. Amen

St. Joseph, pray for us, your limitless family, bound together in love. Be with all families in good times and bad. Take special care of families separated for whatever reason. Defend us from ourselves, from our growing pains and insecurities, our hurts and complex family dynamics. Share our joy at new life and the promise of tomorrow. Be our comfort in times of trouble, and our guide always. Teach us your ways of mighty love for our human family and daily care for Earth, our common home. St. Joseph, husband of Mary and father of Jesus, pray for us. Amen

Dear St. Joseph, you who used your skills as a carpenter to provide for your family, watch over and protect us. Inspire us to embrace the God-given gift of the co-creative power of work. Your humble example, barely recorded in the Gospels, is enough to help us understand the dignity of human work and workers. Be our companion in good times and bad. Help us to face the daily challenges, and the extraordinary ones too, even as we pause to spot glimpses of joy in our shared life. We pray that policy makers and employers will recognize and respect the rights of workers. Knowing that you passed along your knowledge to Jesus, we ask you to guide us in our daily work. Amen

Go to Joseph! Go in peace.

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