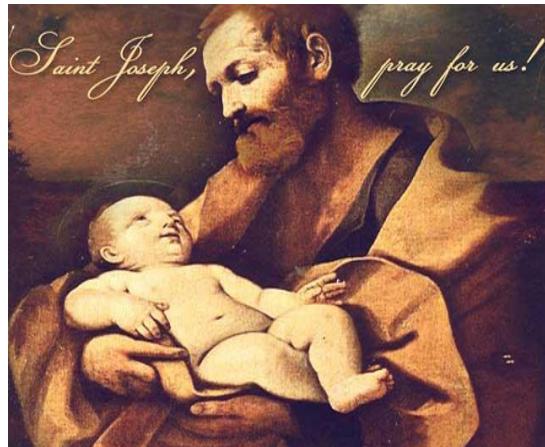


PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL



Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh, St. 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.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of 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.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls – Pray for me.

This prayer was found in the fifteenth year of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle.

Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death, or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect of them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy; or shall be burned in any fire, or shall be overpowered in battle.

Say for nine mornings for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail, so be sure you really want what you ask.

Prayer to St. Joseph - by Pope Leo XIII

To thee O Blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our tribulations and whilst imploring the aid of thy most holy spouse, we confidently thy patronage also.

By that love that united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God and by the Fatherly affection with which you didst embrace the infant Jesus, we humbly beseech you, graciously, to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by His Blood, and to help us in our necessities by your powerful intercession.

Protect O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen children of Jesus Christ. Ward off from us O most loving Father, all taint of devour and corruption. Graciously assist us from heaven, O most powerful protector, in our struggles with the powers of darkness.

And as thou didst once rescue the child Jesus from imminent peril to His life, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares and enemies and all adversities.

Shield each one of us with thy unceasing patronage so that imitating thy example and supported by thy aid we may be able to live a holy life, die a holy death and secure everlasting happiness in heaven, Amen.

