

What the Saints and Popes say about St. Joseph

“As he (St. Joseph) defended him (Jesus) from Herod, so will he defend your soul from the fiercest Herod.” **St. Pio of Pietrelcina**

“*Ite ad Ioseph!* Go to St. Joseph with extreme confidence, because I do not remember having asked anything from St. Joseph without having obtained it already.” **St. Pio of Pietrelcina**

“We must be convinced that, in consideration of his great merits, God will not refuse St. Joseph any grace he asks for those who honour him.”

St. Alphonsus Liguori

“Pronounce often and with great confidence the names of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Their names bring peace, love, health, blessings, majesty, glory, admiration, joy, happiness and veneration. Their holy names are a blessing to angels and men, and a terror to demons. Christians should always have the names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their hearts and on their lips.” **Blessed Bartolo Longo**

“There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited! It extends to all our needs and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard.”

St. Thomas Aquinas

“Rejoice, devout servants of St. Joseph, for you are close to paradise; the ladder leading up to it has but three rungs, Jesus, Mary, Joseph.”

St. Leonard of Port Maurice

Seven privileges of devotion:

“In virtue of these special privileges the intercession of St. Joseph is most powerful:

First, for attaining the virtue of purity and overcoming the sensual inclinations of the flesh;

Second, for procuring powerful help to escape sin and return to the friendship of God;

Third, for increasing the love and devotion to most holy Mary;

Fourth, for securing the grace of a happy death and protection against the demons in that hour;

Fifth, for filling the demons with terror at the mere mention of his name by his clients;

Sixth, for gaining health of body and assistance in all kinds of difficulties;

Seventh, for securing the issue of children in families.” **Venerable Mary Agreda**

“If then if God gave St. Joseph to Mary to be her spouse he certainly did not give him merely as a companion in life, a witness to her virginity, a guardian of her honour, but he made him also participate by the conjugal bond in the eminent dignity which was hers.” **Pope Leo XIII**

“Whereas Adam and Eve were the source of evil which was unleashed on the world, Joseph and Mary are the summit from which holiness spread over the earth.

The saviour began the work of salvation by this virginal and holy union.”

St. Pope Paul VI

“As long as St. Joseph lived, Jesus Christ respected him as a father... the constant occupation of the saviour was to obey St. Joseph...”

During the whole of that time it was Joseph's charge to command, as head of the Holy Family; and the office of Jesus was, as a subject, to obey St. Joseph, who had been given to Him by God in place of a father.

Hence, on the one hand, Jesus performed no action, did not even take a step, tasted no food, took no repose, but by the orders of St. Joseph; and on the other, was all attention in listening to and executing all that St. Joseph imposed upon Him.

Our Blessed Lady said to St. Bridget, "My son was so obedient, that when Joseph said Do this or that, He immediately did it." **St. Alphonsus Liguori** in *The Glories of Mary*.

"Take him as the patron of your interior and spiritual life, and you will advance greatly towards perfection." **Blessed Concepcion Cabrera de Armida**

"Let us now listen to what St. Bernard writes of the power of St. Joseph to dispense graces to his devout servants: "To some of the saints is granted to succour in all necessities, and to defend all who, with devotion, have recourse to him." St. Teresa confirmed by her own experience: she says: "It would seem that to other saints our Lord has granted power to succour in some particular necessity; but experience proves that St. Joseph succours in all." Of this we are certain; for as on earth Jesus Christ was pleased to be subject to St. Joseph, so in heaven He does all that the Saint asks. Let us therefore imagine that we hear our Lord, when He sees us afflicted in the midst of our miseries, address us all in the words which pharaoh addressed his people at the time of the famine in Egypt: "Go to Joseph.", if you desire consolation.... Those receive the most abundant graces who recommend themselves him the most **frequently** and with the greatest **confidence** (emphasis added). Let us therefore never pass a day without many times recommending ourselves to St. Joseph who, after the most Blessed Virgin Mary, is the most powerful of all the Saints with God. Let us never allow a day to pass without offering to him some particular prayer; but especially during the novena for his feast, let us redouble our prayers, and fast on the vigil; and let us seek from him the graces which are useful for our souls; for he will always obtain them for us. In particular, I exhort you to ask for three special graces: for the forgiveness of your sins, the love of Jesus Christ, and a good death."

St. Alphonsus Ligouri in *The Glories of Mary*.