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Devotion to the Most Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph

Hail Joseph

Hail Joseph, Son of David, the just and the chaste, Wisdom is with you; Blessed are you among all men, and blessed is Jesus, the fruit of Mary, your faithful spouse. Holy Joseph, worthy foster-father and guardian of Jesus Christ and of the holy Church, pray for us sinners and obtain divine wisdom for us from God, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

(Private revelation to Edson Glauber de Souza Coutinho)

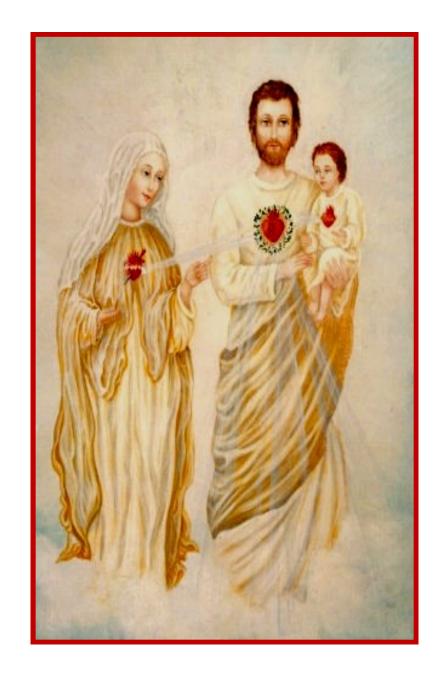
In the morning, while I was praying, St. Joseph appeared. He was very handsome and he showed me his Most Chaste Heart. He appeared while I was praying the [above] prayer (Hail Joseph), which I had been praying in his honor for some time. Looking at me with a warm smile, he gave me the following Message:

"Spread this prayer to the whole world. Through this prayer God wishes my name to be more known and loved. He also wants to bestow a lot of graces through it upon those who will honor me by praying it. Those who will pray this prayer will be given many graces from Heaven. Through it, I will be often invoked by the whole world, and I will be able, by my loved and honorable heart, to grant a lot of graces to sinners who are in need of divine help. It is important that this prayer be made known to everyone. May it reach everywhere, so all people can enjoy the goodness of God through it. This is His Most Holy Will that I am revealing to you right now" (March 29, 2002).

I felt overwhelmed by God's presence, and I understood many things which were revealed to my heart about this devotion and about my future life and my mission. I am not worthy to receive such wonderful graces, and I deeply thanked God to have been chosen to present the Most Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph to the entire world. Who am I for this mission? Nothing, but I want to continue to be nothing so that God can do everything. Therefore, I understood that there are six different ways to honor the Heart of St. Joseph:

Image of the Most Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph:

- 1. The image of the Most Chaste Heart of St. Joseph, presented during the Apparition of 12/25/1996, in which Jesus and Our Lady revealed the Heart of Saint Joseph to the world.
- 2. The Feast of the Most Chaste Heart of St. Joseph, as requested by Jesus during the Apparition of 6/6/1997: "I wish the first Wednesday after the Feast of My Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary be the Feast of the Most Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph."



see the glory of God (Acts 7:55-56). This word also means that the praise and honor we bestow to God alone is due Him because of who He is (Isaiah 42:8, 48:11; Galatians 1:5). It also recognizes that believers are incredibly blessed to enter into the kingdom, into the very likeness of Christ Himself. For as Paul so eloquently put it, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

5) The Crown of Life — (Revelation 2:10) "Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." This crown is for all believers, but is especially dear to those who endure sufferings, who bravely confront persecution for Jesus, even to the point of death. In Scripture the word "life" is often used to show a relationship that is right with God. It was Jesus who said, "I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Just as things such as air, food, and water are vital for our physical lives, Jesus provides us what is required for our spiritual lives. He is the One who provides "living water." He is the "bread of life" (John 4:10, 6:35). We know that our earthly lives will end. But we have the amazing promise that comes only to those who come to God through Jesus: "And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life" (1 John 2:25).

James tells us that this crown of life is for all those who love God (James 1:12). The question then is how do we demonstrate our love for God? The apostle John answers this for us: "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). As His children we must keep His commandments, obeying Him, always remaining faithful. So, as we endure the inevitable trials, pains, heartaches, and tribulations—as long as we live—may we ever move forward, always "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2) and receive the crown of life that awaits us.



- 3. The Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of St. Joseph, which now should be prayed with the prayer that St. Joseph gave during the Apparition of 3/29/2002, so that we are able to enjoy his intercession, begging his Most Holy and Mighty Name that makes all of hell tremble and disperses the demons, as Jesus revealed in an Apparition.
- 4. The scapular of St. Joseph was revealed to Edson during two apparitions: on 7/14/2000, in the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Aylesfort (England), in the same place where the Most Holy Virgin had appeared to St. Simon Stock showing him the Scapular; the second apparition took place on 7/16/2001, on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Cannel, in Sciacca (AG, Sicily), Italy, on the 750th Anniversary of the delivery of the Scapular to St. Simon by Our Lady.

Scapular of Saint Joseph

The Scapular is a sign of protection and devotion to the Heart of St. Joseph, who wants to lead us to God and to holiness, emphasizing his virtues of purity, obedience, silence and humility, and igniting the flame of faith and love for Jesus and for the Holy Virgin Mary. St. Joseph will protect those wearing the



Scapular as his property and will bestow innumerable graces through his Chaste Heart upon those who will be tempted against purity, and will protect them against the attacks by the Devil and each evil spirit. Especially young people should wear this Scapular, as they are most attacked by the Devil. Parents should recommend it to their children, since St. Joseph offers his help and protection, as he guided and protected Jesus on earth.

- 5. The spreading of devotion to the Heart of St. Joseph, associated with good deeds of charity in favor of the most needy, especially of the sick and dying, as St. Joseph requested in his promises in March 1998.
- 6. First Wednesdays should be remembered as days of special graces where St. Joseph pours out torrents of extraordinary graces upon all those who appeal to his intercession, honoring his Most Chaste Heart. Jesus himself promised that these faithful servants will enjoy great glory in Heaven which, on the other hand, will not be given to those who will not honor him as He asked.

"God be always glorified, worshipped and loved"

Consecration Prayer to the Three Sacred Hearts

Sacred Heart of Jesus, The Three Sacred Hearts Immaculate Heart of Mary and Chaste Heart of St. Joseph, I consecrate to you this day my mind +, my words +, my body +, my heart + and soul +, so that your will be done through me this day. Amen.

+Make the Sign of the Cross on the part of the body indicated

ST. JOSEPH CHAPLET - Pray Every First Wednesday Of The Month

How to pray the St. Joseph Chaplet:

While holding the St. Joseph medal, make the Sign of the Cross and then recite the

Opening St. Joseph Prayer:

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, 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. Amen.

(This prayer was found in the 50th year of our Lord and Savior, 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 on them—neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy or be burned in any fire or be overpowered in battle. Say for nine mornings for anything you desire. It has never been known to fail, provided that the request is for one's spiritual benefit or for those whom we are praying for.)

On the first bead, recite the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth, and in in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the

- 1) The Imperishable Crown (1 Corinthians 9:24-25) "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate [disciplined] in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown." All things on this earth are subject to decay and will perish. Jesus urges us to not store our treasures on earth "where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal" (Matthew 6:19). This is analogous to what Paul was saying about that wreath of leaves that was soon to turn brittle and fall apart. But not so the heavenly crown; faithful endurance wins a heavenly reward which is "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:3-5).
- 2) The Crown of Rejoicing (1 Thessalonians 2:19) "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?" The apostle Paul tells us in Philippians 4:4 to "rejoice always in the Lord" for all the bountiful blessings our gracious God has showered upon us. As Christians we have more in this life to rejoice about than anyone else. Luke tells us there is rejoicing even now in heaven (Luke 15:7). The crown of rejoicing will be our reward where "God will wipe away every tear ... there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).
- 3) The Crown of Righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8) "Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." We inherit this crown through the righteousness of Christ which is what gives us a right to it, and without which it cannot be obtained. Because it is obtained and possessed in a righteous way, and not by force and deceit as earthly crowns sometimes are, it is an everlasting crown, promised to all who love the Lord and eagerly wait for His return. Through our enduring the discouragements, persecutions, sufferings, or even death, we know assuredly our reward is with Christ in eternity (Philippians 3:20). This crown is not for those who depend upon their own sense of righteousness or of their own works. Such an attitude breeds only arrogance and pride, not a longing, a fervent desire to be with the Lord.
- 4) The Crown of Glory (1 Peter 5:4) "And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away." Though Peter is addressing the elders, we must also remember that the crown will be awarded to all those who long for or love His appearing. This word "glory" is an interesting word referring to the very nature of God and His actions. It entails His great splendor and brightness. Recall Stephen who, while being stoned to death, was able to look into the heavens and

The Seven Joys of St. Joseph

- 1. Told of the Incarnation (Matt. 1:20)
- 2. Angels adore the Infant Jesus (Luke 2:10-11)
- 3. Holy Name of Jesus (Matt. 1:25)
- 4. Effects of the Redemption (Luke 2:38)
- 5. Overthrow of the idols in Egypt (Is. 19:1)
- 6. Life with Jesus & Mary (Luke 2:39)
- 7. Jesus found in the temple (Luke 2:46)



*There are five heavenly crowns mentioned in the New Testament that will be awarded to believers. They are the imperishable crown, the crown of rejoicing, the crown of righteousness, the crown of glory, and the crown of life. The Greek word translated "crown" is stephanos (the source for the name Stephen the martyr) and means "a badge of royalty, a prize in the public games or a symbol of honor generally." Used during the ancient Greek games, it referred to a wreath or garland of leaves placed on a victor's head as a reward for winning an athletic contest. As such, this word is used figuratively in the New Testament of the rewards of heaven God promises those who are faithful. Paul's passage in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 best defines for us how these crowns are awarded.

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

On the second bead, recite the Our Father:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

On the third bead, recite the Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death, call me. And bid me to come to Thee. That with Thy Saints, I may praise Thee forever and ever. Amen.

On the fourth bead, recite the Prayer for the Help of the Holy Ghost

O God, send forth your Holy Ghost into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy. Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

On the fifth bead, recite My Sovereign Lady:

O Holy Mary, my sovereign Lady, into thy blessed trust and special custody, and in the bosom of thy mercy, I this day and every day, and in the hour of my death, commend my soul and my body. To thee I commit all my hope and happiness, all my anxieties and miseries, my life and the end of my life, that through thy most holy intercession and through thy merits, all my actions may be guided and governed according to thine and thy Son's will. Amen

Like the Holy Rosary, the St. Joseph chaplet is a "bead-prayer." The beads are designed to keep count of the prayers. They are not required to perform the devotion, however. There are 49 beads in the circlet, organized into seven sets of seven beads. Each set is preceded by a larger bead. This larger bead in the circlet are used to pray the "Prayer for a Heavenly Crown" The seven beads in the circlet are used in petition to St. Joseph for prayers and assistance in growing in virtue.

At the beginning of each section, Recite Prayer for a *Heavenly Crown, then we humbly pray for St. Joseph to intercede on our behalf in asking our heavenly Father to bestow upon us virtues which St, Joseph himself was a perfect model.

O St. Joseph, virgin father of Jesus and most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray every day for us to the same Jesus, the Son of God,* that being defended by the power of His grace and striving dutifully in life, we may be crowned by Him at the hour of death. Amen. (Pope St. Pius X)

On each of the seven beads that follow you pray:

V. St Joseph we love and honor you,

R. protect and guide us!

with the intention of obtaining each virtue prayed for on each section of the chaplet (provided below). The purpose of the seven times is to honor the Seven Sacraments and the Seven Sorrows and Joys of St. Joseph.

We humbly pray for the virtue of ...

- 1. Wisdom, Understanding & Counsel
- 2. Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety &

Fear of the Lord

(Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost)

- 3. Charity, Joy & Peace
- 4. Patience, Kindness & Goodness
- 5. Longsuffering, Mildness & Faith
- 6. Modesty, Temperance & Chastity

(Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost)

7. Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, Temperance & a love for Voluntary Poverty, Perpetual Chastity, Entire Obedience

(Four Cardinal Virtues & Three Evangelical Counsels)

After the last set of prayers, the Chaplet is concluded with the Prayer of St. Joseph prescribed by Pope Leo XIII.

To you, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction, and having implored the help of your thrice holy Spouse, We now, with hearts filled with confidence, Earnestly beg you also to take us under your protection. By that charity, by which you were united to the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, and by that fatherly love, with which you did cherish the Child Jesus, We beseech you and we humbly pray that you will look down with gracious eyes upon That inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood, And will aid us in our need by your power and strength. Defend O most watchful guardian of the Holy family, The chosen offspring of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving Father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, In this conflict with the powers of darkness, and even as of old, You did rescue the Child Jesus from the peril of His life, So now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever under your patronage, that, following your example and strengthened by your help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain everlasting bliss in Heaven. Amen

Then say:

- St. Joseph hear my prayers and obtain my petitions.
- St. Joseph of the House of David, pray for us. (repeat three times)

THE SEVEN SORROWS AND SEVEN JOYS OF ST. JOSEPH

The Seven Sorrows of St. Joseph

- 1. The doubts of St. Joseph (Matt. 1:19)
- 2. The poverty of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:7)
- 3. The Circumcision (Luke 2:21)
- 4. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34)
- 5. The flight into Egypt (Matt. 2:14)
- 6. The return to Nazareth (Matt. 2:22)
- 7. The loss of the Child Jesus (Luke 2:45)