

PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JOSEPH



The Dream of Saint Joseph
by Philippe de Champaigne (1602-1674)
The National Gallery, London

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

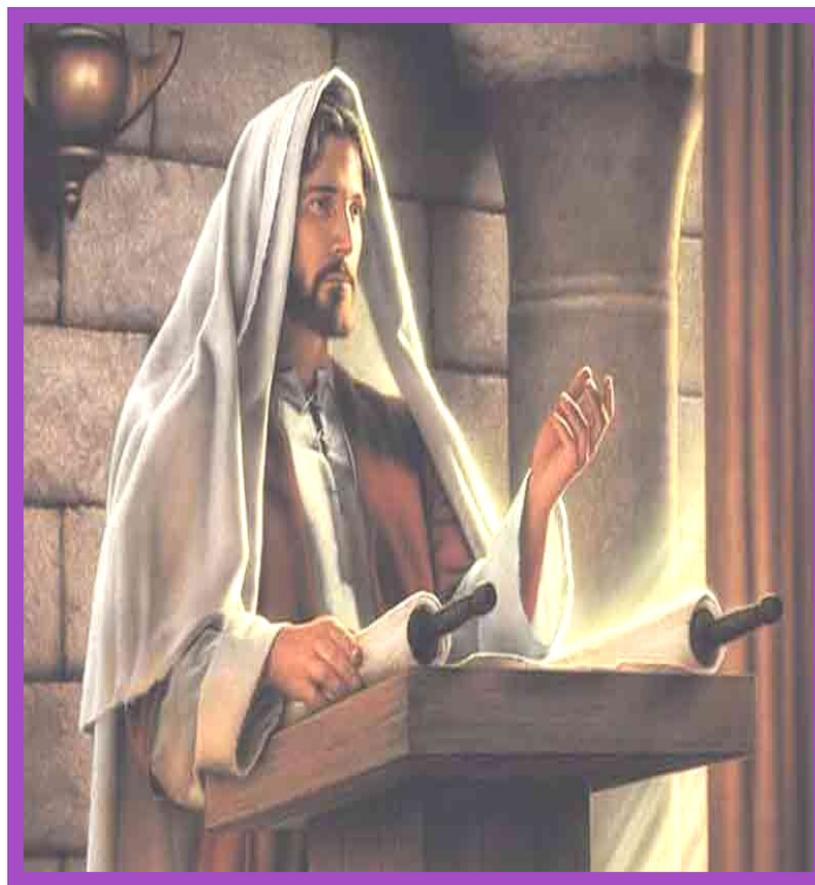
Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary 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. Amen.



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**PRAYERS, AND THE JOYS AND SORROWS
OF SAINT JOSEPH
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2011**

The following prayer to Saint Joseph was taken from the Latin Ordo-2011 page 82.

During the Month of October, in all churches and oratories, the Rosary and Litany of Loreto are recited daily.

The prayer: **To thee, O blessed Joseph**, (below) is recited daily. (Decree of Pope Leo XIII, 20 August 1885; Decree S.R.C. 3 May 1960).

To thee, O blessed Joseph, do we fly in our tribulation; and having implored the help of thy most holy spouse, we confidently crave thy patronage also.

Through that charity which bound thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and through the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we humbly beseech thee graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ hath purchased by His Blood and with thy power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Divine family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us, and from heaven assist us in this our struggle with the power of darkness;

and as once thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity:

Shield, too, each one of us by thy constant protection, so that, supported by thine example and thine aid, we may be able to live piously, to die holily, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.

The Seven Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph

1. The sorrow St. Joseph had when he was minded to put away his stainless spouse. The joy he had when the archangel revealed the sublime mystery of the Incarnation.
2. The sorrow St. Joseph had in seeing the infant Jesus born in abject poverty. The joy he had in hearing the harmony of angel choirs, and beholding the glory of that night.
3. The sorrow St. Joseph had when the Precious Blood of the Infant Savior was shed at His circumcision. The joy given with the Name of Jesus.
4. The sorrow St. Joseph had at the prophecy of Simeon foretelling the sufferings of Jesus and Mary. The joy given, at the same time, of the prediction of salvation and glorious resurrection of innumerable souls.
5. The sorrow St. Joseph had in his toil to nurture and to serve the Son of the Most High, especially in the flight he made with Him into Egypt. The joy he had in having God Himself always with him, and to see the overthrow of the idols of Egypt.
6. The sorrow St. Joseph had by the fear of Archelaus. The joy he had in returning with Jesus from Egypt to Nazareth, and the reassurance of the angel.
7. The sorrow St. Joseph had when through no fault of his, he lost Jesus, the holy Child, and searched for Him in great anguish for three days. The joy he had when finding Him amidst the doctors in the Temple.