



SAINT JOSEPH — PRAY FOR US

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The HOLY CLOAK Novena in Honour of St. Joseph



JESUS Himself said to St. Margaret...

"I wish that every day you offer special prayers to my mother and St. Joseph, my most sweet guardian."

...and the Blessed Mother said to the Venerable Dagreda...

"You must see to it that you continually increase your love and devotion to this great Saint. In all your necessities, you must avail yourself of his protection, under all circumstances you must encourage as many people as possible toward this devotion... for indeed, whatever my devoted spouse requests in Heaven, the Almighty God will grant on Earth."

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Commentary on the Holy Cloak Novena.

SAINT JOSEPH'S Holy cloak novena is a particular and special way to merit the patronage of this great Saint while also rendering honour to him. It is to be recited on 30 consecutive days in memory of the 30 years St. Joseph spent in the company of Jesus Christ, Son of God. If for some reason one cannot recite the prayer on a particular day, one may make up for it by reciting it on the 30th day as many times as the recitation was missed. The extraordinary graces obtained by the prayer are innumerable. In fact, St. Theresa said, "...If you really want to believe in it, prove it to yourself by reciting the Novena - and you will be finally convinced." To be even more assisted in receiving your petition, it would be wise to promise an offering for St. Joseph's Cult. It would also be well to offer a thoughtful prayer for the Souls in Purgatory. With the same solicitude that we help dry the tears of the suffering souls, so can we hope that St. Joseph will help us dry our tears in our necessities. In this way, St. Joseph's Holy Cloak will spread itself over us and will serve as a shield against all those dangers which beset us so that we may all one day, with the grace of God, reach the doors of eternal salvation. May St. Joseph smile upon us and bless us all.

Prayers for the Novena:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

(Recite 3 Glory be to the Father in thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity for having exalted St. Joseph to a position of such great dignity.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER OF THE HOLY CLOAK

O Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, you who were chosen by God above all men to be the earthly head of the most Holy of families, I beseech you to accept me within the folds of your Holy cloak, that you may become the guardian and custodian of my soul.

From this moment on, I choose you as my father, my protector, my counsellor, my patron and I beseech you to place in your custody my body, my soul, all that I am, all that I possess, my life and my death.

Look upon me as one of your children; defend me from the treachery of my enemies, invisible or otherwise, assist me at all times in all my necessities; console me in the bitterness of my life, and especially at the hour of my death. Say but one word for me to the divine Redeemer whom you were deemed worthy to hold in your arms, and to the Blessed Virgin Mary, your most chaste spouse. Grant me those blessings which will lead me to salvation. Include me among those who are most dear to you and I shall set forth to prove myself worthy of your special patronage. Amen.

Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin,
Foster-father of the Son of God,
Sedulous Defender of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,
Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most valiant,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,
Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of all who labor,
Glory of family life,
Protector of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Consolation of the afflicted,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of the demons,
Protector of Holy Church, pray for us

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us,
O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. He made him the lord of his household.
R. And prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray. God, Who, in Thine ineffable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the Spouse of Thy most holy Mother; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in Heaven whom, on earth, we venerate as our protector. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

OFFERING

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Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, I humbly prostrate myself before you. I beg the Lord Jesus, your Immaculate Spouse, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the angels and saints in the Heavenly Court, to join me in this devotion. I offer you this precious cloak, while pledging my sincerest faith and devotion. I promise to do all in my power to honour you throughout my lifetime to prove my love for you.

Help me, St. Joseph. Assist me now and throughout my lifetime, but especially at the moment of my death, as you were assisted by Jesus and Mary, that I may join you one day in Heaven and there honour you for all eternity. Amen

II

Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, prostrate before you and your divine Son, Jesus, I offer you, with heartfelt devotion, this precious treasury of prayers, being ever mindful of the numerous virtues which adorned your sacred person. In you, O Glorious Patriarch, was fulfilled the dream of your precursor the first Joseph, who indeed seemed to have been sent by God to prepare the way for your presence on this earth. In fact, not only were you surrounded by the shining splendour of the rays of the divine Sun, but you were splendidly reflected in the brilliant light of the mystic moon, the Blessed Virgin Mary. O Glorious Patriarch, if the example of the ancient Jacob, who personally went to congratulate his favourite son, who was exalted on the throne of Egypt, served to bring all his progeny there, should not the example of Jesus and Mary, who honoured you with their greatest respect and trust, serve to bring me, your devoted servant, to present you with this precious cloak in your honour? Grant O Great St. Joseph, that the Almighty God may turn a benevolent glance towards me.

As the ancient Joseph did not reject his guilty and cruel brothers, but rather accepted them with love and protected and saved them from hunger and death - I beseech you, O Glorious Patriarch, through your intercession, grant that the Lord may never abandon me in this exiled valley of sorrows. Grant that He may always number me as one of your devoted servants who live serenely under the patronage of your Holy Cloak. Grant that I may always live within the protection of this patronage, every day of my life and particularly at the moment when I draw my dying breath.

PRAYERS

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Hail, O Glorious St. Joseph, you who are entrusted with the priceless treasures of heaven and Earth and foster-father of Him who nourishes all creatures of the universe. You are, after Mary, the Saint most worthy of our love and devotion. You alone, above all the Saints, were chosen for that supreme honour of rearing, guiding, nourishing and even embracing the Messiah, whom so many kings and prophets would have so desired to behold.

St. Joseph, save my soul and obtain for me from the divine mercy of God that petition for which I humbly pray.

And for the holy souls in Purgatory, grant a great comfort from their pain.

(Recite 3 Glory be to the Father ...)

II

O powerful St. Joseph, you were proclaimed the Patron of the Universal Church, therefore, I invoke you, above all the other Saints, as the greatest protector of the afflicted, and I offer countless blessings to your most generous heart, always ready to help in any need.

powerful intervention. O foster-father of our dear Redeemer, despise not my petition, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

II

Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and virginal father of Jesus, look upon me and watch over me; lead me on the path of sanctifying grace; take heed of the urgent needs which I now beg you to envelop within the folds of your fatherly cloak.

Dismiss those obstacles and difficulties standing in the way of my prayer and grant that the happy answer to my petition may serve for the greater glory of God and my eternal salvation.

As a pledge of my undying gratitude, I promise to spread the word of your glory while offering thanks to the Lord for having so blessed your power and might in Heaven and on Earth.

LITANY TO SAINT JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us

St. Joseph,

Noble scion of David,

Light of the Patriarchs,

St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus a holy fear of the Lord.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus a desire for protection.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus a gentleness of character.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and charitable heart.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus a holy acceptance of suffering.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus the wisdom of faith.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus His blessing of perseverance in my good deeds.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus the strength to carry my crosses.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus a disdain for the material goods of this world.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus the grace to always walk on the narrow path towards Heaven.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus the grace to avoid all occasion of sin.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus a holy desire for eternal bliss.
St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus the grace of final perseverance.
St. Joseph, do not abandon me.
St. Joseph, grant that my heart may never cease to love you and that my lips may ever praise you.
St. Joseph, for the love you bore for Jesus, grant that I may learn to love Him.
St. Joseph, graciously accept me as your devoted servant.
St. Joseph, I give myself to you; accept my pleas and hear my prayers.
St. Joseph, do not abandon me at the hour of my death.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

(Recite 3 Glory be to the Father ...)

INVOCATIONS TO SAINT JOSEPH

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Remember O most chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my good protector St. Joseph, that never was it known that anyone who came to your protection, and sought your intercession was left unaided. Confidently I prostrate myself before you and fervently beg for your

To you, O Glorious St. Joseph, come the widows, the orphans, the abandoned, the afflicted, the oppressed. There is no sorrow, heartache or anguish which you have not consoled. Deign, I beseech you, to use in my behalf those gifts which God has given you, until I too shall be granted the answer to my petition.

And you, Holy Souls in Purgatory, pray to St. Joseph for me.

(Recite 3 Glory be to the Father ...)

III

Countless are those who have prayed to you before me and have received comfort and peace, graces and favours. My heart, so sad and sorrowful, cannot find rest in the midst of this trial which besets me. O Glorious St. Joseph, you know all my needs even before I set them forth in prayer. You know how important this petition is for me. I prostrate myself before you as I sigh under the heavy weight of the problem which confronts me. There is no human heart in which I can confide my sorrow; and even if I should find a compassionate creature who would be willing to assist me, still he would be unable to help me. Only you can help me in my sorrow, St. Joseph, and I beg you to hear my plea. Has not St. Theresa left it written in her dialogues - that the world may always know - " Whatever you ask of St. Joseph, you shall receive. "

St. Joseph, comforter of the afflicted, have pity on my sorrow and pity on those poor souls who have placed so much hope in our prayers.

(Recite 3 Glory be to the Father ...)

IV

Sublime Patriarch St. Joseph, for your perfect obedience to God, have mercy on me.

For your holy life, full of grace and merit, hear my prayer.

For your most sweet name, help me.

For your most generous heart, assist me.

For your most holy tears, comfort me.

For your seven sorrows, have mercy on me.

For your seven joys, console me.

From all harm of body and soul, deliver me.

From all danger and disaster, save me.

Assist me with your powerful intercession and obtain for me, through your power and mercy, all that is necessary for my salvation and particularly the favour of which I now stand in such great need.

(Recite 3 Glory be to the Father ...)

V

Glorious St. Joseph, countless are the graces and favours which you have obtained for afflicted souls. Illness of every nature, those who are oppressed, persecuted, betrayed, bereft of all human comfort, even those in need of their life bread -- all who implore your powerful intercession are comforted in their affliction.

Do not permit, O dearest St. Joseph, that I alone be the only one of all who have appealed to you, to be denied this petition which I so earnestly beg of you. Show yourself kindly and generous even to me, that I may cry out in thanksgiving, " Eternal glory to our Holy Patriarch St. Joseph, my great protector on Earth and the defender of the Holy souls in Purgatory. "

(Recite 3 Glory be to the Father ...)

VI

Eternal Father, who art in Heaven, through the merits of Jesus and Mary, I beg you to grant my petition. In the name of Jesus and Mary I prostrate myself before your divine presence and I beseech you to accept my hopeful plea to persevere in my prayers that I may be numbered among the throngs of those who live under the patronage of St. Joseph. Extend your blessing on this precious treasury of prayers which I today offer to him as a pledge of my devotion.

(Recite 3 Glory be to the Father ...)

SUPPLICATIONS

In honour of St. Joseph's hidden life with JESUS and MARY

St. Joseph, grant that Jesus may come into my soul and sanctify me.

St. Joseph, grant that Jesus may come into my heart and inspire it with charity.

St. Joseph, grant that Jesus may come into my mind and enlighten it.

St. Joseph, grant that Jesus may guide my will and strengthen it.

St. Joseph, grant that Jesus may direct my thoughts and purify them.

St. Joseph, grant that Jesus may guide my desires and direct them.

St. Joseph, grant that Jesus may look upon my deeds and extend His blessing.

St. Joseph, grant that Jesus may inflame me with love for Him.

St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus the imitation of your virtues.

St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus true humility of spirit.

St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus meekness of heart.

St. Joseph, obtain for me from Jesus peace of soul.