

Novena Prayer 23 April - 1 May 2020

O Saint Joseph,
whose protection is so great,
so strong, so prompt before the throne of God,
I place in thee all my interests and desires.

O thou Saint Joseph,
do assist me by thy powerful intercession,
and obtain for me from thy Divine Son
all spiritual blessings,
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that,
having engaged here below thy heavenly power,
I may offer my thanksgiving
and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph,
I never weary contemplating thee,
and Jesus asleep in thy arms;
I dare not approach while He reposes near thy 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.

Saint Joseph, guide and protect me
this day and always. Amen.

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Pray for us.**



Spiritual Works of Mercy

To counsel the doubtful.
To instruct the ignorant.
To admonish the sinner.
To comfort the afflicted.
To forgive offenses willingly.
To bear wrongs patiently.
To pray for the living and the dead.

Corporal Works of Mercy

To feed the hungry.
To give water to the thirsty.
To clothe the naked.
To shelter the stranger.
To heal the sick.
To visit the prisoner.
To bury the dead.

The Christian duty to love our neighbour is essential in a time of isolation or pandemic. Many saints in different generations and similar crises have been prompted to carry out these works of mercy. May we do likewise at this time under the patronage and guidance of St Joseph the Worker!

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

By that love which united thee
to the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God,
and by the fatherly affection
with which thou didst embrace the Infant Jesus,
we humbly beseech thee graciously
to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased
with His Blood and to help us in our necessities,
by thy 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 error and corruption;
graciously assist us from Heaven,
O most powerful protector,
in our struggle 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 of her enemies and from all adversity.

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



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