

-ST JOSEPH PRAYERS –

(From St Joseph's Oratory – Montreal Canada)

St Joseph Prayer for the Sick

Benevolent Joseph, the Son of God placed his life in your hands. With Mary, you cared for Him who is the force of life. May your compassion enfold our fragility, bringing us the comfort of the divine presence. We join with you in prayer, saying: "Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God, say a word for our healing!" Make us sensitive to the illnesses of those close to us. Support our efforts and grant us courage in the fight against evil. Help us to find meaning in God's great project for humanity beyond the sicknesses that blind our sight. The love of God be with us, as our hope lies with Him! Amen

St Joseph, Mainstay of Families

Attentive Joseph, in Mary and you, the Divine Word finds a favorable environment in which to carry out the will of the Father, thus you become the family of the Child-God. In your gentle life together, you experience Love daily. The unity of your hearts Transforms life's lessons into growing wisdom and grace. Open our hearts to the Word that lives within us, that our actions may bear witness to our connection to the family of God. Sustain us in our emotional commitments, where giving and forgiveness shape our identities. Grant us your tenderness in the things we do each day! Amen.

St Joseph, Protector of the Church

Brave Joseph, collaborator in God's project for humanity, your tenderness enfolds the newborn Church. Just as Mary and Jesus recognize in you the protection of the Father, so too does the community of faith place itself under your protection. Strengthen us with the Spirit that filled the Nazarene home and guide our footsteps on the road to the kingdom. Accompany us to carry out our mission. Help us to be lights in the world so that the family of God may spring forth from humanity transfigured in Christ. Grant us the Strength to imitate God's preference for the poor and weak. Guide us in our pastoral activities that our actions may be modeled on the Good News. Amen

St Joseph, Patron Saint of the Dying

Faithful Joseph, with the fulfillment of the Lord's promise, you peacefully leave this world in Jesus and Mary's Hands. Your faith transforms death into the sowing of life; thus, God considers you to be a just man. Your heart overflows in the presence of the Lord. With your hands outstretched to God, your night is filled with prayers. Surrounded by the living, you embark upon the great march to the Promised Land. Open our eyes that we may glimpse the road to Life that lies beyond death. May nothing, denial, anger, or depression, separate us from the Love of God. Strengthen our faith in God who always finds ways of preserving us in his friendship. Be beside us to hold our hands when we take our first steps toward the Eternal Kingdom. Amen

St Joseph, Model of Laborers

Good Saint Joseph, when God wanted a family for his son, He looked among the laborers, and chose you along with Mary, demonstrating His esteem for human work. You put heart into work, and share your workshop with Jesus. Your work, like that of other humans, found me meaning in the presence of God. Sustain us in the hope of finding work when we are confronted with the desolation of unemployment. Counsel business leaders to create an equitable division of labor that is respectful of individuals,

and promotes our growth and happiness. Help us to perform our work joyfully, conscientiously, fairly and honestly. Prepare our hearts to recognize your Son in our colleagues at work. Amen

St Joseph, Terror of Demons

Courageous Joseph, advised by an angel, you confront your fears of the unknown. Your light shines brightly, penetrating the dark corners of your being. Your fears dispersed, you rediscover your true face, and actively participate in the divine project reuniting mother and Child, and the people with their God. Together with Mary and Jesus, you dwell in the love of God. Help us to rediscover the united core of our identities, beyond all the internal fears. Counsel us so we may build a better world to welcome the coming Kingdom. Shed your light on our inner lives, that freed from the grip of our fears, our decisions may be founded in Love. May the face of God shine on us! Amen

St Joseph, Guardian of the Pure in Heart

Gentle Joseph, God is captivated by the quality of your heart. Your entire being is focused on doing his will. With Mary and Jesus you answer the Holy Spirit's call to build a better world. With one heart, we join you in saying: "Here we are Lord, May you will be done! May your kingdom come nearer to us!" Keep the hope of the new world alive in our hearts. Inspire us to speak words of tenderness to awaken the love of hearts. May we draw the energy of our actions from the source of all Love so our face may shine with the freedom of the children of God. Amen

Prayer to St Joseph to obtain a special favor

Blessed St Joseph, O Blessed St Joseph, tender-hearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste-spouse of the Mother of God, I pray that you may remind God our Father of all the love that He had for us by offering us His Son, who through His deaths and resurrection brought us new life. By the power of Jesus pray with us so that we may obtain from our eternal Father the favor we are requesting,,,
Because we have been unfaithful, beg our loving God for mercy. Look down upon us with compassion. Remember all those who toil, who suffer, and who grieve. May the Lord Jesus, sensitive to our prayers and attentive to you intercession and that of your most holy Spouse, the Virgin Mary, grant us the grace to live always in joy and hope.

St Joseph, our Solace In Suffering

Compassionate Joseph, one with us in our human condition, together with Mary and Jesus you experience exile, hunger, and violence. Refusing vengeance, you chose mercy. Your forgiveness breaks the circle of violence. Through goodness, God's hope for our humanity is preserved. Joy is yours, for the Kingdom of God is your Inheritance. Open our compassionate hands in times of war, famine and exile. Keep us from developing a victims mentality, and make our pain a source of growth. Sustain us in fulfilling our responsibility of cultivating inner peace, joy, and serenity. In your wisdom, counsel us to close all doors to bitterness, so that, watched over by God, we may dance for joy. Amen