

## The Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, hear us.  
God, the Father of Heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, ...  
God the Holy Spirit, ...  
Holy Trinity, One God, ...  
Holy Mary,  
St. Joseph, ...  
Noble son of the House of David, ...  
Light of Patriarchs, ...  
Husband of the Mother of God, ...  
Chaste guardian of the Virgin, ...  
Foster father of the Son of God, ...  
Faithful guardian of Christ, ...  
Head of the Holy Family, ...  
Joseph, most just, ...  
Joseph, most chaste, ...  
Joseph, most prudent, ...  
Joseph, most strong, ...  
Joseph, most obedient, ...  
Joseph, most faithful, ...  
Pattern of patience, ...  
Lover of poverty, ...  
Model of workers, ...  
Example to parents, ...  
Guardian of virgins, ...  
Pillar of family life, ...  
Comfort of the troubled, ...  
Hope of the sick, ...  
Patron of the dying, ...  
Terror of evil spirits, ...  
Protector of Holy Church, ...  
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,  
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Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
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Christ, graciously hear us.  
have mercy on us.

pray for us.

spare us, O Lord!

graciously hear us, O Lord!

have mercy on us.

V. God made him master of his household.

**R. And put him in charge of all that he owned.**

Let us pray. Almighty God,

In your infinite wisdom and love you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary,  
the mother of your Son.

As we enjoy his protection on earth, may we have the help of his prayers in  
heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

### **An Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph**

Oh, St. Joseph,

whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong,

before the throne of God,

I place in you all my interests 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 departed souls – pray for me.

Amen.

*This prayer was found in the fiftieth 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 shall be burned in any fire or shall be overpowered in any battle.*

*Say for nine mornings in a row for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail.*

