

*A brief reading or reflection or meditation about St. Joseph can precede this prayer.**

Dear St. Joseph, humble Foster Father
of the Lord Jesus Christ,
most chaste husband
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Patron of Workers,
Patron of Fathers,
Patron of Families,
Patron of Travelers,
Patron of Immigrants,
Patron of a Happy Death,
and Patron of the Universal Church,
Pray for us that we will be humble,
kind and respectful to all we meet,
chaste according to our state of life,
loving and supportive in our family life,
productive and just in our work,
safe in travels,
hospitable to travelers and immigrants,
and loyal to the unity of the Universal Church.
Pray for us also that,
at the end of our life of Faith in your Son,
we will pass from this world
with the prayerful support
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
into the arms of the Son of God. Amen.

Silently mention your special intention here.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be...

*These prayers to St. Joseph may serve as your reflection for each day of the novena.

Day 1: Saint Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of having been chosen by God to be the foster-father of His Divine son. As a token of your own gratitude to God for this your greatest privilege, obtain for me the grace of a very devoted love for Jesus Christ, my God and my Savior. Help me to serve Him with some of the self-sacrificing love and devotion which you had while on this earth with Him. Grant that through your intercession with Jesus, your foster-Son, I may reach the degree of holiness God has destined for me, and save my soul.

Day 2: Saint Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of being the virginal husband of Mary. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus with all my heart, as you did, and love Mary with some of the tenderness and loyalty with which you loved her.

Day 3: Saint Joseph, I thank God for having made you the man specially chosen by Him. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for me the grace to imitate your virtues so that I too may be pleasing to the Heart of God. Help me to give myself entirely to His service and to the accomplishment of His Holy Will, that one day I may reach heaven and be eternally united to God as you are.

Day 4: Saint Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of being God's faithful servant. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for me the grace to be a faithful servant of God as you were. Help me to share, as you did, the perfect obedience of Jesus, who came not to do His Will, but the Will of His Father; to trust in the Providence of God, knowing that if I do His Will, He will provide for all my needs of soul and body; to be calm in my trials and to leave it to our Lord to free me from them when it pleases Him to do so. And help me to imitate your generosity, for there can be no greater reward here on earth than the joy and honor of being a faithful servant of God.

Day 5: Saint Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of being the Patron of the Church. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for me the grace to live always as a worthy member of this Church, so that through it I may save my soul. Bless the priests, the religious, and the laity of the Catholic Church, that they may ever grow in God's love and faithfulness in His service. Protect the Church from the evils of our day and from the persecution of her enemies. Through your powerful intercession may the Church successfully accomplish its mission in this world—the glory of God and the salvation of souls!

Day 6: Saint Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of living in the Holy Family and being its head. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain God's blessings upon my own family. Make our home the kingdom of Jesus and Mary—a kingdom of peace, of joy, and love.

Day 7: Saint Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of being able to work side by side with Jesus in the carpenter shop of Nazareth. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for me the grace to respect the dignity of labor and ever to be content with the position in life, however lowly, in which it may please Divine Providence to place me. Teach me to work for God and with God in the spirit of humility and prayer, as you did, so that I may offer my toil in union with the sacrifice of Jesus in the Mass as reparation for my sins, and gain rich merit for heaven.

Day 8: Saint Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of being able to suffer for Jesus and Mary. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for me the grace to bear my suffering patiently for love of Jesus and Mary. Grant that I may unite the sufferings, works and disappointments of life with the sacrifice of Jesus in the Mass, and share like you in Mary's spirit of sacrifice.

Day 9: Saint Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of being able to die in the arms of Jesus and Mary. As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for me the grace of a happy death. Help me to spend each day in preparation for death. May I, too, accept

death in the spirit of resignation to God's Holy Will, and die, as you did, in the arms of Jesus, strengthened by Holy Viaticum, and in the arms of Mary, with her rosary in my hand and her name on my lips!

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