

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

Prayer from Pope Francis's Apostolic Letter Patris Corde

This brief yet profound invocation draws from St. Joseph's scriptural silence and protection, urging imitation of his virtues. Pope Francis encouraged its recitation especially during trials for the Church and personal life, making it ideal for his feast day, which celebrates his spousal fidelity and paternal care over Jesus.