

## Rosary to St. Joseph

**Sign of the Cross:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Introductory Prayer

We unite with all the Angels and Saints in Heaven, with all the just on earth, and with all the faithful now praying. We unite with Thee, O my Jesus, in order to praise worthily Thy holy foster father St. Joseph, and to praise Thee in him and through him. We renounce all the distractions that we may have during this Josephian Rosary, which we wish to say with modesty, attention and devotion, just as if it were to be the last of our lives. We offer Thee, O most Holy Trinity, this Creed in honor of all the mysteries of our Faith; this Our Father and these three Hail Josephs in honor of the unity of Thy Essence and the Trinity of Thy Persons. We ask of Thee a lively faith, a firm hope and an ardent charity. Amen

### **On the crucifix**

*O Lord, in order to honor St. Joseph as he deserves, Thou hast taken him body and soul to Heaven to Crown him with glory, thus signifying to the world, both visible and invisible, that Thou hast made Joseph Thy foster-father, the supreme steward of all Thy possessions. We beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may find aid in the merits of the Spouse of Thy Most Holy Mother, so that what we cannot obtain by ourselves may be given us through his intercession, who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

For the intentions of Holy Father, Pope Francis :

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

We salute you, St. Joseph, chosen by God the Father, as the guardian of Mary, Mother of God and Jesus her Son, and our Lord, and pray for the gifts of faith, hope and charity

*3 \* Hail Joseph, Son of David, thou whose holiness surpasses that of all Angels and Saints, blessed art thou amongst men, thou who wert chosen to be the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary of whom was born Jesus. Glorious Saint Joseph, now reigning body and soul in Heaven, protector of the Universal Church, pray for us poor sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O my Jesus forgive our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

## **First Mystery : Betrothal to Mary, Annunciation to Joseph and the Birth and Naming of Jesus.**

### **( 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of March ) Scripture passage from Gospel according to Mt.1:18-25.**

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

**Mediate a moment on *St. Joseph’s communication with God.***

**Prayer:** Lord, help us to turn to You in all our difficulties and problems, and understand Your Holy will in all that happen in our lives.

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*1\* Glory be.*

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## **Second Mystery : Flight in to Egypt.**

### **( 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of March ) Scripture passage from Gospel according to Mt.2:13 -15**

When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

**Meditate a moment on *St. Joseph’s complete trust and perfect obedience to God.***

**Prayer:** *Lord help us to flee from all sinful occasions in our lives and protect us all dangers of body and soul.*

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### **Third Mystery : Hidden life at Nazareth.**

#### **( 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of March )** Scripture passage from Gospel according to Mt.2:23

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazorean.”

**Meditate a moment on *St. Joseph’s extreme simplicity and humility of heart.***

**Prayer: *Lord make us truly humble like St. Joseph.***

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*1\* Glory be.*

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### **Fourth Mystery : Finding of Jesus in the temple.**

#### **( 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of March )** Scripture passage from Gospel according to Lk.2:43-48

After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.”

**Meditate a moment on *St. Joseph’s supreme love for God.***

**Prayer: *Lord help us so that we will never lose You by mortal sin, and if it ever happens help us to come back quickly with a true repentant heart.***

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### **Fifth Mystery : Death of St. Joseph in the presence of Jesus and Mary.**

**( 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of March )** *As per Catholic tradition, St. Joseph is considered as the patron of a happy death, as he had a holy death in the company of Jesus and Mary.*

***Mediate a moment on St. Joseph's holy death, and our own death, which is sure to come one day.***

**O Blessed Joseph, who yielded up** thy last breath in the arms of Jesus and Mary, obtain for me this grace, O holy Joseph, that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul." Amen.

***Prayer: Lord assist me at my death time with Jesus, Mary and Joseph.***

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### **Concluding prayer**

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*Our beloved father, St. Joseph, all our trust is in you. Let it not be said that we invoked you in vain, and since you do everything with Jesus and Mary, show us that your goodness is as great as your power. Joseph, son of David, and husband of Mary; we honor you, guardian of the Redeemer, and we adore the Child you named Jesus. St. Joseph, guardian of the Word Incarnate, now coronated in Heaven, we feel confident that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Please obtain for us from the kind Heart of Jesus the help and the graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death and the special favors we now implore.*

(Make your petition here...)

O glorious Saint Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. *Amen.*

*St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us that, like you we may live totally dedicated to the interests of our Savior. Amen.*

Let **us pray**: O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed **Joseph** to be the spouse of your most **holy** Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever. Saint **Joseph, pray for us.**

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed 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.

### **Litany to St. Joseph**

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

God our Father in heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

Saint Joseph, *pray for us.*

Noble son of the House of David, *pray for us.*

Light of patriarchs, *pray for us.*

Husband of the Mother of God, *pray for us.*

Guardian of the Virgin, *pray for us.*

Foster father of the Son of God, *pray for us.*

Faithful guardian of Christ, *pray for us.*

Head of the Holy Family, *pray for us.*

Joseph, chaste and just, *pray for us.*

Joseph, prudent and brave, *pray for us.*

Joseph, obedient and loyal, *pray for us.*

Pattern of patience, *pray for us.*

Lover of poverty, *pray for us.*

Model of workers, *pray for us.*

Example to parents, *pray for us.*

Guardian of virgins, *pray for us.*

Pillar of family life, *pray for us.*

Comfort of the troubled, *pray for us.*

Hope of the sick, *pray for us.*

Patron of the dying, *pray for us.*

Terror of evil spirits, *pray for us.*

Protector of the Church, *pray for us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *spare us O Lord.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us O Lord.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*



### **Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

## **Final Hymn to St. Joseph**

Dear St. Joseph, pure and gentle,  
Guardian of the Saviour child,  
Treading with the virgin mother,  
Egypt's deserts, rough and wild.

Hail, St. Joseph, spouse of Mary,  
Blessed above all saints on high,  
When the death-shades round us gather,  
Teach, oh, teach us how to die.

Dear St. Joseph, kind and loving,  
Stretch to us a helping hand;  
Guide us through life's toils and sorrows  
Safely to the distant land.