

LET US PRAY.

Grant O Lord we beseech Thee, by the merits of the Spouse of Thy most holy Mother, that what our unworthiness can not obtain may be given us by his intercession with Thee. Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

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.

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St. Josefus, Protector Carmeli.

NOVENA

To Our Holy Father St. Joseph

Patron & Protector of the Order of Carmel

O glorious St. Joseph! Faithful Guardian of Jesus and Mary, chosen by our Seraphic Mother, St. Teresa, as Patron and Protector of the Order of Carmel, I beseech thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Who vouchsafed to love and obey thee as a son, to become a father to me, and to obtain for me the filial respect, confidence, and love of a child towards thee. Thou art my glorious Protector, and shall ever be, after Jesus and Mary, the object of my most profound veneration and tender confidence.

O powerful Advocate of all Christians! Whose intercession, as our Seraphic Mother St. Teresa assures us, has never been found to fail, deign to intercede for me now, and to obtain for me the particular intention of this Novena (*Specify your petition*). I ask it of thee, most dear Father by the love thou hast for Jesus and Mary. I implore thee to enkindle in my heart, and in all hearts, a more vehement love of Jesus, and a more tender devotion to thy Virgin Spouse, the Immaculate Mother of God, and Queen of Carmel. Into thy hands, I remit my soul and body, but particularly the last moment of my life that having honored, imitated and served thee on earth. I may eternally sing with thee the mercies of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

(Say the following 7 times in honor of the 7 joys & sorrows of St. Joseph.)

O glorious Father St. Joseph, through the love thou didst bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of his name.



Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

From my mother's womb, thou art my Protector,
Of thee shall I continuously sing.

He made him the Master of His House,
And Ruler of His possessions.

Pray for us, holy Father St. Joseph,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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ACT OF CONSECRATION

To Our Holy Father, St. Joseph

Patron & Protector of Carmel

Dear St. Joseph,

On this day, before God and your Immaculate Spouse, Mary, I _____ choose you as my spiritual father forever. I formally entrust myself to your fatherly care. I love you, and I trust in your prayers for my life. As your spiritual child, I give you full permission (and in fact, I'm begging you) to please act in my life, especially by...

- **Praying for me constantly in a special way**
- **Bringing me even deeper into the Hearts of Jesus and Mary**
- **Providing for me and all my loved ones,**
- **Guarding and protecting me from bodily and spiritual evil**
- **Guiding me to always do God's most perfect will**
- **Helping me to suffer with love and without complaint**
- **Giving me purity of body and of soul**
- **Forming me into a person of peace and joy**
- **Preparing me for a beautiful and happy death.**

From this day forward, St. Joseph, you are my spiritual father, and I am your child. I trust you and love you, and I look forward to meeting you someday in heaven. I ask all of this in Jesus' name and for the glory of God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Act of Consecration by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC