

# NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

10 - 18 MARCH 2021

**DAY 4: 13 March 2021**

**St. Joseph, the Faithful Servant of God**



Saint Joseph, you were the faithful and just servant of God who listened, believed, obeyed and fulfilled God's Will for what He had in mind for you. Your noble birth and ancestry, the graces and gifts, so generously poured out on you by God – all this was yours to serve God better. Every thought, word, and action of yours was a homage to the love and glory of the Incarnate Word. Your position in the Holy Family obliged you to lead by example, but besides being the foster-father of Jesus, you were also his disciple. You had the virtue of perfect devotedness, which marks a good servant. Faithful to your duties, you sacrificed everything unselfishly and cheerfully. Your entire life was one generous gift of unselfish devotedness as you worked without praise or

reward. I thank God for your privilege of being His faithful servant.

Holy Saint Joseph, obtain for me the grace to be as faithful a servant 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.

I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore: (*Mention your request.....*)

Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers, on my behalf, will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Amen.

## THE 'YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH' PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

**For the intentions of our Holy Father Pope Francis**

**Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory be to the Father....**

**Saint Joseph, patron of the Universal Church. Pray for us.**

