

ORATIONES AD S. IOSEPHUM

MARCH 19

MODEL OF WORKERS: MAY 1

ANT: Et ipse Iesus erat incipiens quasi annorum triginta,
ut putabatur, filius Ioseph.

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis Sancte Ioseph,

℞. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Orémus.

DEUS, qui in ineffabili providentia beatum Ioseph sanctissimæ Genetrices
tuæ Sponsum eligere dignatus es, præsta, quæsumus, ut quem protectorem
veneramur in terris, intercessorem habere mereamur in cælis : Qui vivis et
regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

FAC nos innocuam, Ioseph, decurrere vitam,
sitque tuo semper tuta patrocinio.

(ex M. R.)

Ite ad Ioseph!

Ad te, beate Ioseph (brevis)

BEÁTA Ioseph, maritus Mariæ, esto nobiscum in hac die. Virginem defenditi et fovisti ;
amans Puerum Iesum Filium sicut tuum, eum de mortis periculo eripuisti. Ecclesiam, do-
mum Dei, defendite, acquisitam sanguine Christi.

Custos Sacræ Familiæ, nobiscum esto in tribulationes nostris. Preces tuæ pro nobis obtin-
eant vim ad fugiendum ab errore et colluctatio cum corruptionis viribus, ut in vita cresca-
mus in sanctitate, et in morte lætemur in corona victoriæ. Amen. Δ

Ad te, beate Ioseph (plena, originalis)

AD TE beate Ioseph, in tribulatione nostra confugimus, atque, implorato Sponsæ tuæ
sanctissimæ auxilio, patrocinium quoque tuum fidenter exposcimus. Per eam, quæsumus
quæ te cum immaculata Virgine Dei Genetrice coniunxit, caritatem, perque paternum,
quo Puerum Iesum amplexus es, amorem, supplices deprecamur, ut ad hereditatem, quam
Iesus Christus acquisivit Sanguine suo, benignus respicias, ac necessitatibus nostris tua vir-
tute et ope succurras.

Tuere, o Custos providentissime divinæ Familiæ, Iesu Christi sóbolem electam ; prohibe a
nobis, amantissime Pater, omnem errorum ac corruptelarum luum ; propitius nobis, sospi-
tator noster fortissime, in hoc cum potestate tenebrarum certamine e cælo adesto ; et sicut
olim Puerum Iesum e summo eripuisti vitæ discrimine, ita nunc Ecclesiam sanctam Dei
ab hostilibus insidiis atque ab omni adversitate defende : nosque singulos perpetuo tege
patrocinio, ut ad tui exemplar et ope tua suffulti, sancte vivere, pie émorì, sempiternam-
que in cælis beatitudinem assequi possimus. Amen.

(Leo XIII; Specifically requested to be recited at the conclusion of the Holy Rosary in October)



PRAYERS TO ST. JOSEPH

COMMEMORATED:

WEDNESDAYS & MONTH OF MARCH

ANT: And Jesus himself was beginning about the age of thirty years;
being (as it was supposed) the Son of Joseph.

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Joseph,

℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who in Thine unspeakable providence didst vouchsafe to choose
blessed Joseph to be the husband of Thy most holy Mother, mercifully grant
that, as we venerate him for our protector on earth, we may deserve to be
aided by his intercession in heaven. Who livest and reignest forever and ever.
Amen.

HELP us, Saint Joseph, in our earthly strife,
ever to lead a pure and blameless life.

(Pre-1968: 300 days*)

Go to Joseph!

To Thee, O Blessed Joseph (short)

BLESSED Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. Thou protected and cherished
the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as thy son, thou rescued Him from danger of
death. Defend the Church, the Household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ.

O Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May thy prayers obtain for us the
strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption, so that in life we
may grow in holiness, and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

(1968: Partial)

To Thee, O Blessed Joseph (full, original prayer)

TO THEE, O blessed Joseph, do we have recourse in our tribulation, and, having implor-
ed the help of thy thrice-holy Spouse, we now confidently invoke thy patronage also. By
that charity wherewith thou wert united to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by
that fatherly affection with which thou didst cherish the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and
we humbly pray, that thou wilt look graciously upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ
hath purchased by His Blood, and succour us in our needs by thy power and strength.

Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen offspring of Jesus
Christ. Keep far from us, O most loving father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us
from on high, most valiant defender, in this our conflict with the powers of darkness; and,
even as of old thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from the supreme peril of His life, so now
defend God's holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Keep us
one and all under thy continual protection, that, supported by thine example and aid, we
may be enabled to lead a holy life, die a happy death and attain to everlasting blessedness
in heaven. Amen.

(Pre-1968: 3 years*; 7 years when said after the Rosary on Wednesdays and in October)

Litaniæ Sancti Ioseph

KYRIE, eleison.
Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, audi nos.
Christe, exaudi nos.

Pater de cælis, Deus, ~ *miserere nobis.*
Fili, Redemptor mundi, Deus, ~
Spiritus Sancte, Deus, ~
Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus, ~
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.

Sancte Ioseph, * *ora pro nobis.*
Proles David inclyta, *
Lumen Patriarcharum, *
Dei Genetricis Sponse, *
Custos pudice Virginis, *
Filii Dei nutricie, *
Christi defensor sedule, *
Almæ Familiæ præses, *
Ioseph iustissime, *
Ioseph castissime, *
Ioseph prudentissime, *
Ioseph fortissime, *
Ioseph obœdientissime, *

Ioseph fidelissime, *
Spéculum patientiæ, *
Amator paupertatis, *
Exemplar opificum, *
Domesticæ vitæ decus, *
Custos virginum, *
Familiarum còlumen, *
Solatium miserorum, *
Spes ægrotantium, *
Patrone morientium, *
Terror dæmonum, *
Protector sanctæ Ecclesiæ, *

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *parce nobis, Dómine.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *exaudi nos, Dómine.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *miserere nobis.*

Ÿ. Constituit eum dñm domus suæ.
R. Et principem omnis possessionis suæ.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui in ineffabili providentia beatum Ioseph sanctissimæ Genetricis tuæ Sponsum eligere dignatus es, præsta, quæsumus, ut quem protectorem veneramur in terris, intercessorem habere mereamur in cælis: Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*Iacob autem genuit Ioseph virum Mariæ,
de qua natus est Iesus, qui vocatur Christus.*

(S. Matt. I, 18)

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IESU, Maria, Ioseph, vobis cor et animam meam dono.  
Iesu, Maria, Ioseph, adstáte mihi in extrêmo agóne.  
Iesu, Maria, Ioseph, in pace vobiscum dormiam et requiescam.

O SANCTE Ioseph, Dómini nostri Iesu Christi nutritius pater  
et verus sponsus Mariæ Virginis, ora pro nobis. Δ



## Litany of Saint Joseph

(Authorised for public use)

KYRIE, eleison.  
Christe, eleison.  
Kyrie, eleison.

Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, ~ *have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, ~  
God the Holy Ghost, ~  
Holy Trinity, One God, ~  
Holy Mary, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, \* *pray for us.*  
Renowned offspring of David, \*  
Light of Patriarchs, \*  
Spouse of the Mother of God, \*  
Chaste guardian of the Virgin, \*  
Foster-father of the Son of God, \*  
Sedulous defender of Christ, \*  
Head of the Holy Family, \*  
Joseph most just, \*  
Joseph most chaste, \*  
Joseph most prudent, \*  
Joseph most valiant, \*  
Joseph most obedient, \*

Joseph most faithful, \*  
Mirror of patience, \*  
Model of poverty, \*  
Model of artisans, \*  
Glory of family life, \*  
Guardian of virgins, \*  
Pillar of families, \*  
Solace of the wretched, \*  
Hope of the sick, \*  
Patron of the dying, \*  
Terror of demons, \*  
Protector of Holy Church, \*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Ÿ. He made him the lord of His household.  
R. And prince over all His possessions.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who, in Thine unspeakable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may deserve to have him as our intercessor in heaven, whom we venerate on earth as our protector; Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

(Pre-1968: 5 years\*; 1968: Partial)

*And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary,  
of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.*

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JESUS, Mary, and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph assist me in my last agony.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, let me breathe forth my spirit in peace with Thee!

(Pre-1968: 7 years* each time)

O SAINT Joseph, foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ
and true spouse of Mary the Virgin, pray for us.

(Pre-1968: 300 days, once a day)

Oratio ad S. Ioseph pro officio vitæ

O IOSEPH, virgo Pater Iesu, purissime Sponse Virginis Mariæ, quotidie deprecâre pro nobis ipsum Iesum Filium Dei, ut, armis suæ grâtiæ muniti legitime certâtes in vita, ab eodem coronemur in morte. Amen.

(St. Pius X)

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Oratio ad S. Iosephum pro intercessione cum Jesu & Maria

MEMENTO nostri, beâte Ioseph, et tuæ orationis suffragio apud tuum putativum Filium intercede : sed et beatissimam Virginem Sponsam tuam nobis propitiam redde, quæ Mater est Eius, qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivit et regnat per infinita sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

(St. Bernadine of Sienna)

Sancte Ioseph, exemplar et patrone amantium Sacrum Cor, ora pro nobis. Δ

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Oratio ad S. Ioseph pro puritate

VIRGINUM Custos et Pater, Sancte Ioseph, cuius fideli custodiæ ipsa Innocentia, Christus Iesus, et Virgo virginum Maria commissæ fuit, te per hoc utrumque carissimum pignus Iesum et Mariam obsecro et obtestor, ut me ab omni immunditia præservatum mente incontaminata, puro corde et casto corpore Iesu et Mariæ semper facias castissime famulari. Amen.

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Devota Salutatio ad S. Ioseph

AVE sancte Ioseph, Dei Matris Sponse, gratia plene. Dominus tecum : benedictus tu in sponsis, et benedictus fructus Sponsæ tuæ Sanctissimæ, Jesus Christus, quem nobis educasti.

O sancte Ioseph, Nutritor Christi, Mariæ solatium, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

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Commendatio ad S. Ioseph

O SANCTISSIME Ioseph, Nutritie Jesu Christi, ego humillimus cliens tuus, animi et corporis mei custodiam, castitatemque singulariter tibi commendo et rogo te per paternam in Jesu custodiam, et puritatem tuam, ut me eidem Jesu Christo Filio tuo et Agno immaculato, ejusque vigilantissimæ Matri immaculatissimæque Virginum Virgini Mariæ commendare digneris, et ab omni graviore peccato custodire, nec permittas me ulla unquam impuritatis labe fœdari, sed cum primum in tentatione et peccandi periculo constitutum me videbis, abige procul a corde meo cogitationes et affectus omnes immundos, et injecta memoria æternitatis et Christi crucifixi, imprime mihi medullitus, o mi sancte Ioseph, sensum timoris Domini, et divini amoris in me ignem accende. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph for a Dutiful Life

O JOSEPH, virgin-father of Jesus, most pure Spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray every day for us to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that we, being defended by the power of His grace and striving dutifully in life, may be crowned by Him at the hour of death. Amen.

(Pre-1968: 500 days)

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Prayer to St. Joseph for Intercession with Jesus & Mary

BE MINDFUL of us, O blessed Joseph, and intercede for us with thy foster-Son by the pleading of thy prayer: do thou, in like manner, render the blessed Virgin Mary thy Spouse gracious unto us, for she is the Mother of Him, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

(Pre-1968: 3 years*)

St. Joseph, model and patron of those who love the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

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Prayer to St. Joseph for Purity

SAINT Joseph, father and guardian of virgins, into whose faithful keeping were entrusted Innocency itself, Christ Jesus, and Mary, the Virgin of virgins, I pray and beseech thee through Jesus and Mary, those pledges so dear to thee, to keep me from all uncleanness, and to grant that my mind may be untainted, my heart pure and my body chaste; help me always to serve Jesus and Mary in perfect chastity. Amen.

(Pre-1968: 3 years*; 7 years on Wednesdays and during March)

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A Devotional Greeting to St. Joseph

HAIL Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God, full of grace. The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst spouses, and blessed is the fruit of thy Most Holy Spouse, Jesus Christ, Whom thou brought up for us.

O Saint Joseph, Nurturer of Christ, solace of Mary, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. Δ

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A Recommendation to St. Joseph

O MOST Holy Joseph, Nourisher of Jesus Christ, I, thy most humble client, commend to thee the custody of my soul, my body and my chastity, and I especially ask thee, through thy paternal care of Jesus, and by thy purity, that thou mayest deign to commend me to the same Jesus Christ, thy Son and the Immaculate Lamb, and to and His most watchful Mother, the most Immaculate Virgin Mary, and protect me from every grave sin, and do not allow me to be polluted by any impurity; but as soon as thou seest me set in temptation and in danger of sin, drive far away from my heart all impure thoughts and affections, and by injecting the memory of eternity and of Christ crucified, impress upon me with tenderness, O my holy Joseph, the sense of the fear of the Lord, and kindle in me the fire of divine love. Amen. Δ

S. Ioseph, Terror dæmonum

SANCTE Ioseph, Terror dæmonum, diabolum et omnes adsignatos ejus solempniter intueri, et tu baculo forti tuere nos. Per noctem fugisti vitare diaboli consilia ; nunc virtute Dei, percutite dæmónes fugientes a te. Speciali protectione concede, quæsumus, filiis, patribus, matribus, familiis, et morientibus.

Per Dei gratiam nullus dæmon accedere audet, dum tu ades ; ideo rogamus te, Sancte Ioseph, semper propinqua nobis! Amen. Δ

Sancte Ioseph, Terror dæmónum, ore pro nobis.

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Oratio ad S. Ioseph, Exemplar opificium

O GLORIOSE Sancte Ioseph, exemplar omnes qui in labore deditus, obtine mihi gratiam laborandi in poenitentiae spiritu, ut per hoc pro multis peccatis mea expiem ; diligenter laborare, ponere locum officium devotionis pre voluntate mea ; cum gratiarum actione et gaudio laborare, honorare suo dona, quæ ab omnipotente Deo accepi, uti et evolvere meo labore existimans ; cum ordine, pace, moderatione, patientia, numquam se fatigatio ac difficultatibus dedere ; operari super omni in pura intentione et separatio a se ego, habens semper ante oculos mortis horam, quam rationem reddam temporis male actæ, otiosorum ingeniorum, bonum vastata, et vanæ superbiæ in prosperis, quæ est fatale ad opus Dei.

Omnes pro Jesu, omnes per Mariam, omnes in te imitationem, o patriarcha Ioseph! Hæc erit præceptum mea in vita et in morte. Amen. Δ

Sancte Ioseph, exemplar opificum, ora pro nobis.

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Sanctissimæ Genetricis (M.R.)

SANCTÍSSIMÆ Genetricis tuæ Sponsi patrocinio suffulti, rogâmus, Dómine, cleméntiam tuam : ut corda nostra fácias terréna cuncta despícere ac te verum Deum perfectá caritaté diligere : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

(ex M. R.)

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IESU, María et bone Ioseph,
benedicite nos nunc et in mortis agóne. Δ

PIOUS PRACTISE:

Offer 7x Pater Noster ... Ave Maria ... in honour of the Seven Sorrows and Joys of St. Joseph, perhaps adding an invocation, between each set: (I) Resolve to put Mary away / St. Gabriel's revelation to St. Joseph (II) Seeing the Saviour born in abject poverty / The resplendent exultation of angels at His Birth (III) Being the first to make flow the Precious Blood at circumcision / Be-

St. Joseph, Terror of Demons

SAINT Joseph, Terror of Demons, cast thy solemn gaze upon the devil and all his minions and protect us with thy mighty staff. Thou fled through the night to avoid the devil's wicked designs; now with the power of God, smite the demons as they flee from thee! Grant special protection, we pray, for children, fathers, mothers, families, and the dying.

By God's grace, no demon dares approach while thou art near, so we beg of thee, Saint Joseph, always be near to us! Amen.

Saint Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us.

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St. Joseph, Model of Workers Prayer

O GLORIOUS Saint Joseph, pattern of all who are devoted to toil, obtain for me the grace to toil in the spirit of penance, in order thereby to atone for my many sins; to toil conscientiously, putting devotion to duty before my own inclinations; to labour with thankfulness and joy, deeming it an honour to employ and to develop, by my labour, the gifts that I have received from Almighty God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties; to work above all with a pure intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes the hour of death and the accounting which I must then render of time ill-spent, of talents unemployed, of good undone, and of my empty pride in success, which is so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all in imitation of thee, O Patriarch Joseph! This shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen.

(Pre-1968: 500 days; St. Pius X)

Saint Joseph, model of all who labour, pray for us.

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Secret Prayer (Votive Mass for St. Joseph, 1962 M.R.)

SUPPORTED by the patronage of the Spouse of Thy most holy Mother, we pray Thee, O Lord, for Thy mercy; that Thou wouldst make our hearts despise all things earthly and love Thee, the true God, with perfect charity: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

(Pre-1968: 3 years*)

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JESUS, Mary and good Joseph,
bless us now and in the agony of death.

(Pre-1968: 300 days)

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stowing the Name 'Jesus' upon the Infant King (IV) The Sufferings as foretold by St. Simeon / The Salvation of countless souls (V) The flight into Egypt / The company of Jesus & the toppling of pagan idols (VI) The perilous return from Egypt & anxiety over Herod's successor / Re-assurance from the angel and life in Nazareth (VII) The loss of the Child Jesus / Finding Him in the Temple in the midst of the Doctors.

Devout Exercise in Honour of the Seven Sorrows & Seven Joys of St. Joseph

I

PURE Spouse of most holy Mary, glorious St. Joseph, the trouble and anguish of thy heart wert great when, being in sore perplexity, thou wast minded to put away privately thy stainless spouse; yet was thy joy inexpressible when the Archangel revealed to thee the sublime mystery of the Incarnation.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, we pray thee comfort our souls now and in their last pains with the consolation of a well spent life, and a holy death, like unto thine own, with Jesus and Mary at our side.

Pater noster ... Ave Maria ... Gloria Patri ...

II

MOST blessed Patriarch, glorious St. Joseph, chosen to the office of father of the Word made man, the pain was keen that thou didst feel when thou didst see the infant Jesus born in abject poverty; but thy pain changed to heavenly joy when thou didst hear the harmony of angel choirs, and beheld the glory of that resplendent night.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, we pray thee, obtain for us that, when the journey of our life is ended, we too may pass to that blessed land where we shall hear angel-chants, and rejoice in the bright light of heavenly glory.

Pater noster ... Ave Maria ... Gloria Patri ...

III

O THOU who wast ever most obedient in executing the law of God, glorious St. Joseph, thy heart was pierced with pain when the Precious Blood of the infant Saviour wast shed at His Circumcision; but with the Name of Jesus new life and heavenly joy returned to thee.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, obtain for us that, being freed, while we still live, from every vice, we too may cheerfully die with the sweet Name of Jesus in our hearts and on our lips.

Pater noster ... Ave Maria ... Gloria Patri ...

IV

MOST faithful Saint, glorious St. Joseph, who wast admitted to take part in the Redemption of man; the prophecy of Simeon foretelling the sufferings of Jesus and Mary caused thee a pang like that of death but, at the same time, by this prediction of the salvation and glorious resurrection of innumerable souls, filled thee with great joy.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, help us with thy prayers to be of the number of those, who by the merits of Jesus and the intercession of His Virgin Mother, shall be partakers of the resurrection to glory.

Pater noster ... Ave Maria ... Gloria Patri ...

V

MOST watchful Guardian, glorious St. Joseph, who wast so intimately familiar with the Incarnate Son of God, greatly thou didst toil to nurture and to serve the Son of the Most High, especially in the flight thou madest with Him into Egypt; greatly also didst thou rejoice to have God Himself always with thee, and to see the overthrow of the idols of Egypt.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, obtain for us grace to keep far out of the reach of the enemy of our souls, by quitting all dangerous occasions, that no earthly affection may any longer occupy a place in our hearts, but that, being entirely devoted to the service of Jesus and Mary, we may live and die for them alone.

Pater noster ... Ave Maria ... Gloria Patri ...

VI

ANGEL on earth, glorious St. Joseph, who didst marvel to see the King of Heaven obedient to thy bidding, the consolation thou hadst at His return from Egypt was disturbed by the fear of Archelaus, but nevertheless, being reassured by the Angel, thou didst go back and dwell happily at Nazareth, in the company of Jesus and Mary.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, obtain for us that, having our heart freed from idle fears, we may enjoy the peace of a tranquil conscience, dwelling safely with Jesus and Mary and dying at last in their arms.

Pater noster ... Ave Maria ... Gloria Patri ...

VII

EXAMPLE of holy living, glorious St. Joseph, when through no fault of thine, thou didst lose Jesus, the holy Child, thou didst search for Him with great sorrow for three days, until with joy unspeakable thou didst find Him, Who was thy life, amidst of the doctors in the Temple.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, we pray thee with our whole hearts so to interpose always in our behalf, that we may never lose Jesus by mortal sin, and if we are at any time so wretched as to lose Him, lead us back with unwearied sorrow until we find Him, particularly in the hour of our death, that we may pass from this life to enjoy Him forever in heaven, there to sing with thee His divine mercies forever and ever.

Pater noster ... Ave Maria ... Gloria Patri ...

* ANT : Et ipse Iesus erat incipiens quasi annorum triginta,
ut putabatur, filius Ioseph.

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis Sancte Ioseph,
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Orémus.

DEUS, qui in ineffabili providentia beatum Ioseph sanctissimæ Genetricis tuæ Sponsum eligere dignatus es, præsta, quæsumus, ut quem protectorem venerâmur in terris, intercessorem habere mereâmur in cælis : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

(Pre-1968: 5 years *)

* Ant., V. & R. & Commemoration are the same as found at the top of Page 1

Te Ioseph celebrent agmina cœlitum (Hymnus)

TE, IOSEPH, célebrent ágmina cœlitum,
te cuncti résonent Christiádum chori!
qui, clarus méritis, iunctus es ínclitæ,
casto fœdere Virgini.

Almo cum túmidam gérmine cóniugem
admírans dúbio tängeris ánxius,
afflátu súperi Fláminis, Angelus,
concéptum púerum docet.

Tu natum Dóminum stringis, ad éxteras
Ægypti prófugum tu séqueris plagas ;
amíssum Sólymis quæris et ínvenis,
miscens gáudia flétibus.

Post mortem réliquos sors pia cónsecrat ;
palmámque eméritos glória suscipit ;
tu vivens, Súperis par, frúeris Deo,
mira sorte beátior.

Nobis, summa Trias, parce precántibus!
da Ioseph méritis sídera scándere,
ut tandem liceat nos tibi pérpetim
gratum prómere cánticum. Amen.

(ex B. R.)

Salve, Ioseph, Custos pie (Hymnus)

SALVE, Ioseph, Custos pie
Sponse Virgínis Maríæ,
educátor óptime.

Tua prece salus data
sit et culpa condonáta
peccatricis ánimæ.

Per te cuncti liberémur
omni poena quam merémur
nostris pro criminibus.

Per te nobis impertíta
omnis grátia expedita
sit, et salus ánimæ.

Te precánte, vita functi
simus Angelis coniúcti
in cœlésti pátria.

Sint et omnes tribuláti
te precánte liberáti
cunctis ab angústiiis.

Omnes pópuli læténtur,
ægrotántes et sanéntur,
te rogánte Dóminum.

Ioseph, Fili David Regis,
recordáre Christi gregis
in die iudicii.

Salvatórem deprecáre,
ut nos velit liberáre
nostræ mortis témpore.

Tu nos vivos hic tuére
inde mórtuos gaudére
fac cœlésti glória. Amen.

Joseph! To Thee by Hosts on High (Hymn)

O JOSEPH! to thee by hosts on high
and choirs of Christians, laud be paid!
saintly of life, — by purest tie
joined unto her, the glorious Maid.

When thou didst doubt thy wife's repute,
and mark her great with motherhood,
the angel taught thee that her fruit
came from the Holy Ghost of God.

To clasp the Son, the Lord, was thine,
to share His flight to Egypt's shore,
with tears, to seek in Salem's shrine
Him lost, — with joy, to find once more.

Death brings to other Saints their rest;
through toil they win the victor's place;
thou happier, like the Angels blest,
alive, hast seen God face to face.

Spare us, O Trinity most High!
Grant that, with Joseph, we may gain
Thy starry realm, and ceaselessly
there raise to Thee our thankful strain. Amen.

(Tr: R.F. Littledale | Pre-1968: 3 years*)

Hail, Dear Spouse of Mary Mild (Hymn)

HAIL, dear Spouse of Mary mild,
tender Guardian of Her Child,
Joseph, best of teachers, hail!

By thy prayers obtain salvation,
and of sin full condonation
for the soul by guilt oppressed.

May we all through thee be freed
from the pain that is our meed
for the evil we have done.

Thou impart to us all grace,
and in heaven a blessed place;
this we humbly ask of thee.

By thy prayer, when life is o'er,
may we reach the Heavenly shore,
there to join angelic choirs.

May all those that are in woe,
freed from sorrow, joyous go,
when thou offrest up thy prayer.

Make the nations leap for joy,
save the sick from all annoy,
whilst thou prayest to thy Lord.

Joseph, hail, King David's son!
help the flock by Jesus won,
in the dreadful judgement day.

Do thou to our Saviour pray,
that He cast us not away,
when death's angel doth appear

While we live, defend us here:
after death, grant us good cheer
in our fatherland above. Amen.

(Tr: C.E.S. | Pre-1968: Pre-1968: 3 years*)

NOTES & SOURCES

This selection of orthodox and historically regarded antiphons, invocations, aspirations, hymns, prayers, devotions, pious practises of the holy Catholic Religion was compiled by Jonathon Reid from the reliable and competent sources listed below; and posited on the world-wide inter-connected network (or, 'inter-net') for public dissemination via the 'web-site' *TraditionalCatholicPrayers.com* on the THIRD day of FEBRUARY, anno Domini TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR.

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Iacob autem genuit Ioseph virum Mariæ, de qua natus est Iesus, qui vocatur Christu. (S. Matt I, 18)

Constituit eum dñm domus suæ. Et principem omnis possessionis suæ.

Ite ad Ioseph!

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LEGEND:

*: Plenary indulgence if practised daily for a month.

A WORD ON PRE-1968 INDULGENCES:

Where reliably sourced, the historical Pre-1968 Indulgences have been listed. Delineated in **penitential* days or years** merited, these were over-hauled by Paul VI in 1967 and the radically changed treatment of indulgences came into effect a year later. Specific penance values no longer apply, re-formed into simple 'partial' (in which case God will adjudge the merit) or 'plenary' classes. As part of this process the number of formally recognised prayers, ejaculations, devotions, practises, etc. specifically meriting indulgence of either class was significantly curtailed.

Your correspondant would admonish the reader who does not hold high Ecclesiastical office to refrain, seduously, from any casual or cavalier discourse (and certainly any manner of pejorative remark) regarding the actions of a Supreme Pontiff, past or present, in the execution of his holy office.

The Pre-1968 values are listed to give historical context and, thereby, to show what ostensible value holy Mother Church, for centuries, placed on the importance of these prayers and practises prior to the 1960s; during eras in which, incontentstibly, the holy Fear of God was first and foremost in Her teachings and thus visibly prevalent in Her liturgies, ministers, buildings, art and by extension, flock.

The term '**..on the usual conditions**' upon which plenary indulgences pivot means – both prior to 1968 and to this day – that the stated indulgenced act must be accompanied by worthy Confession** and Holy Communion*** and prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, with the norm being to offer an *Our Father* – *Hail Mary* – *Glory Be* for the same. Obviously, 'intentions' refers to the infallible and inexorably unchangeable intentions of the Office of the Papacy.

To merit an indulgence one must be in a state of grace (or if not, 'with at least a contrite heart', and having made an act of true contrition with a firm purpose of confession) and must have intention of gaining the indulgence, for which a general intention, renewed from time to time, will suffice. Plenary indulgences are only be merited if the suppliant is wholly detached from sin, of any species. If he does not merit a plenary indulgence for such or similar cause in the all-seeing eye of God, only a partial indulgence is awarded.

* Not the same as earthly calendar days or years; rather "the amount of purgatorial punishment equivalent to that which would have been remitted, in the sight of God, by the performance of so many days or years of the ancient canonical penance." (*New advent.org*)

** Prior to more contemporary times, this was regarded as being required within eight (8) days, either side, of performance of the indulgenced act; so, by standing custom, the faithful would in practise receive the Sacrament of Penance every fortnight (in the absence of specific contingencies) so as to ensure not only an ongoing state of grace but, further, satisfaction of the usual conditions.

*** In contrast, Communion had to received on the day of the performance or satisfaction of the indulgenced act. In the case of novenas or other devotion(s) spread over days, week or month, the indulgence was merited (or 'claimed') upon the reception of Communion. So, many plenary indulgences could be attached to one Confession; however, as the attaining of plenary indulgences is (typically) limited to one per day, every plenary indulgence requires Holy Communion.

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May we forever be safe under thy blest patronage.

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"We must strip from our Catholic prayers and from the Catholic liturgy everything which can be the shadow of a stumbling block for our separated brethren—that is, for the Protestants." (source: [SSPX.org](#))

Credible evidence abounds, and is easily sourced, to suggest that Cdl. Bugnini was a Freemason.

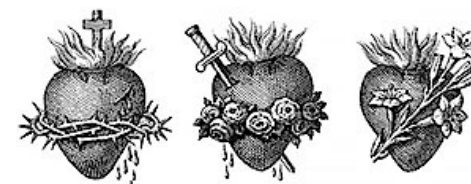
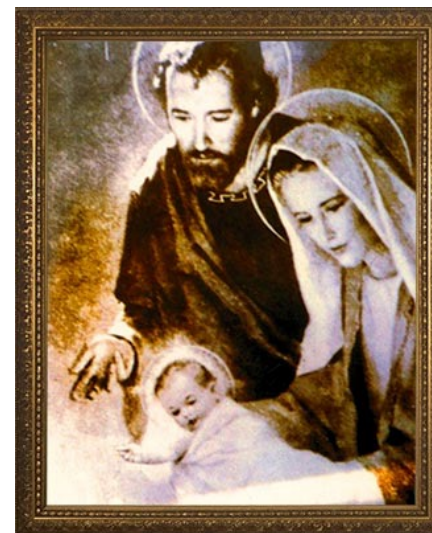
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Iesu, María, Ioseph!

Jesus, Mary, Joseph!

(Pre-1968 Indulgence: 7 years)

