

Dear Faithful Parishioners,

Happy St. Joseph's Day! Our Heavenly Father entrusted St. Joseph to protect and watch over Jesus and Mary. Today we call on the intercession of St. Joseph to protect all of us during this critical time in our world. There are many forms of prayer. One of those forms is a Litany. Below is a Litany of St. Joseph. May we all pray this Litany for our parish, diocese and world.

Lord, have mercy	R/. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy	R/. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy	R/. Lord, have mercy.
God our Father in heaven	R/. Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world	R/. Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit	R/. Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God	R/. Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary	R/. Pray for us.
Saint Joseph	R/. Pray for us.
Noble son of the House of David	R/. Pray for us.
Light of patriarchs	R/. Pray for us.
Husband of the Mother of God	R/. Pray for us.
Guardian of the Virgin	R/. Pray for us.
Foster father of the Son of God	R/. Pray for us.
Faithful guardian of Christ	R/. Pray for us.
Head of the holy family	R/. Pray for us.
Joseph, chaste and just	R/. Pray for us.
Joseph, prudent and brave	R/. Pray for us.
Joseph, obedient and loyal	R/. Pray for us.
Pattern of patience	R/. Pray for us.
Lover of poverty	R/. Pray for us.
Model of workers	R/. Pray for us.
Example to parents	R/. Pray for us.
Guardian of virgins	R/. Pray for us.
Pillar of family life	R/. Pray for us.
Comfort of the troubled	R/. Pray for us.
Hope of the sick	R/. Pray for us.
Patron of the dying	R/. Pray for us.
Terror of evil spirits	R/. Pray for us.
Protector of the Church	R/. Pray for us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	R/. Spare us O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	R/. Hear us O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	R/. Have mercy on us.

Let us pray. God, in your infinite wisdom and love you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary, the mother of your Son. May we have the help of his prayers in heaven and enjoy his protection on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I pray that your family is growing in faith as you spend quality time together. Remember to make a Spiritual Communion throughout the day. Ask Jesus to enter into your heart. Tell Him you desire His Body, blood, Soul and Divinity. One of my favorite quotes is from St. Teresa of Avila. She proclaimed, "The measure we desire Him, you will find Him.". Seek the Lord in your spiritual life and make Him a throne in your heart. May Almighty God Bless all of you.

In Christ,

Fr. Willard