



## General Intercessions for the Year of St. Joseph

**These general intercessions were composed from the Litany of St. Joseph. They focus on some of the titles and charisms attributed to St. Joseph. They can be modified as needed or used as they are for the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.**

Illustrious son of David,

Following the example of St. Joseph, may we strive to live a virtuous life and give witness to the faith in all that we do,

We pray to the Lord:

Light of Patriarchs

As St. Joseph was a light of faith, may we too radiate the light of Christ in our families and in our work,

We pray to the Lord:

Spouse of the Mother of God

As St. Joseph was Spouse to Mary Mother of God, may husbands and fathers follow his example of prudence and humility in serving their families,

We pray to the Lord:

Chaste guardian of the Virgin

Through the witness of St. Joseph, chaste guardian of the Virgin, we pray for those living the vocation of Consecrated Virginity,

We pray to the Lord:

Foster father of the Son of God

For an increase of adoptions and for all foster parents,

We pray to the Lord,

Watchful defender of Christ,

May the example of St. Joseph inspire us to be watchful defenders of Christ and his Church,

We Pray to the Lord:

Head of the Holy Family,

May we follow the example of St. Joseph as we strive to become Holy Families.

We Pray to the Lord

Joseph most just,

As St. Joseph was known as a just man, help us to work toward a more just society,

We pray to the Lord:

### Joseph most Chaste

Following the example of St. Joseph, may we make a complete gift of ourselves and live chastely according to our state in life,

We Pray to the Lord.

### Joseph most Prudent

For our parish, that we may imitate St. Joseph's prudence to seek and follow God's will in all that we do.

We pray to the Lord,

### Joseph most Valiant

As St. Joseph was entrusted to protect the Holy Family, may we have the same courage and prudence to protect our families, our neighbors and the marginalized,

We pray to the Lord.

### Joseph most Obedient

As St. Joseph was obedient to the direction of the angel, may we be more obedient to the will of the Father.

We pray to the Lord,

### Joseph most Faithful,

With steadfast devotion, St. Joseph remained faithful to Mary and to God. May we all listen to God's word and be obedient to our vocations, despite doubts, uncertainties, and troubles.

We pray to the Lord.

Mirror of patience,

As St. Joseph was a model of Patience, may we practice patience in our homes, with others and be a witness of love and kindness,

We pray to the Lord

Lover of poverty,

Like St. Joseph's who embraced poverty, may we too be generous stewards of God's gifts and always take care of the poor.

We pray to the Lord:

Model of workmen,

Like St. Joseph, may we offer all our labors to the Lord and may those who are unemployed find suitable work.

We pray to the Lord,

Glory of home life,

As St. Joseph helped reveal the glory of God within the home, may our homes share God's glory with the world.

We Pray to the Lord,

Guardian of virgins,

As St. Joseph is model of purity, we pray for a renewed sense of the virtue chastity in our culture,

We pray to the Lord

### Pillar of families,

As St. Joseph's earthly fatherhood served as a pillar to the Holy Family, may all fathers follow his example within their families.

We pray to the Lord:

### Solace of the afflicted,

As St. Joseph was the image of the Father's comfort and conciliation to the Holy Family, let us be a solace toward the afflicted in our families and the Church.

We pray to the Lord,

### Hope of the sick

For those who are sick, may they find consolation in the prayers and example of St. Joseph,

We pray to the Lord,

### Patron of the dying

That during this year of St. Joseph, those who are ill and close to death, may they experience the grace of a happy and peaceful death,

We pray to the Lord,

### Terror of demons

That during this year of St. Joseph, we may be protected from all snares of the evil one,

We pray to the Lord:

Protector of Holy Church,

St. Joseph is the protector of the Church. May we strive to promote unity with one another and work to protect the unity of the Church.

We pray to the Lord: