



## Novena to St. Joseph

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*Let us join in a novena of prayer to St. Joseph as we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19. Offer the prayer on this page, on your own or with others. Along with your personal intentions, you are invited to focus on these special prayer intentions for each day of the novena.*

### **March 10**

For a greater openness to God's will for us, and the courage to follow wherever God may lead

### **March 11**

For the "unsung heroes" who have kept us going during the pandemic, especially health care workers, teachers, and essential workers

### **March 12**

For all who work, and for all who are unemployed or underemployed, that they may be treated with justice and dignity

### **March 13**

For migrants and refugees, forced like the Holy Family to leave their homeland, that they may find safety and welcome

### **March 14**

For our local Church, that we may proclaim the Gospel with integrity, and serve Christ in the poor and the afflicted

### **March 15**

For the dying, that God may grant them the grace of a happy death, and give comfort and peace to their families

### **March 16**

For all who have authority over others—bishops and priests, elected officials, teachers, supervisors, and parents—that, like Joseph, they may be examples of gentleness and fidelity

**March 17**

For husbands and fathers, that they may learn from St. Joseph to be gentle, loving, faithful, and courageous

**March 18**

For families, especially families in crisis, that they may draw strength from the example and intercession of St. Joseph and the Holy Family

**March 19** – Solemnity of St. Joseph

*Celebrate this Solemnity, and the beginning of the Year of the Family, by joining in Mass in your parish, in person or via livestream.*

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## Novena Prayer

**All make the sign of the Cross**

**Scripture Verse**

“Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter’s son?” (*Matthew 13:54-55*)

**Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Pope Francis, *Patris Corde*

**Litany**

Leader: Joseph most just,

*ALL: pray for us.*

Leader: Joseph most strong,

*ALL: pray for us.*

Leader: Joseph most faithful,

*ALL: pray for us.*

**All make the sign of the Cross**