

**PRAYERS TO ST JOSEPH:** [*I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of [St. Joseph] which he has failed to grant... To other saints the Lord seems to have given grace to succour us in some of our necessities, but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succours us in them all...*] (Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila)



## COME, HOLY GHOST

Come, Holy Ghost, send down those beams,  
which sweetly flow in silent streams  
from Thy bright throne above.

O come, Thou Father of the poor;  
O come, Thou source of all our store,  
come, fill our hearts with love.

O Thou, of comforters the best,

O Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
the pilgrim's sweet relief.

Rest art Thou in our toil, most sweet  
refreshment in the noonday heat;  
and solace in our grief.

O blessed Light of life Thou art;  
fill with Thy light the inmost heart  
of those who hope in Thee.

Without Thy Godhead nothing can,  
have any price or worth in man,  
nothing can harmless be.

Lord, wash our sinful stains away,  
refresh from heaven our barren clay,  
our wounds and bruises heal.

To Thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow,  
warm with Thy fire our hearts of snow,  
our wandering feet recall.

Grant to Thy faithful, dearest Lord,

whose only hope is Thy sure word,  
the sevenfold gifts of grace.

Grant us in life Thy grace that we,  
in peace may die and ever be,  
in joy before Thy face. Amen. Alleluia.

## LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

St. Joseph, *pray for us.*

Illustrious son of David, *pray for us.*

Light of patriarchs, *pray for us.*

Spouse of the Mother of God, *pray for us.*

Chaste guardian of the Virgin, *pray for us.*

Foster father of the Son of God, *pray for us.*

Watchful defender of Christ, *pray for us.*

Head of the Holy Family, *pray for us.*

Joseph most just, *pray for us.*

Joseph most chaste, *pray for us.*

Joseph most prudent, *pray for us.*

Joseph most valiant, *pray for us.*

Joseph most obedient, *pray for us.*

Joseph most faithful, *pray for us.*

Mirror of patience, *pray for us.*

Lover of poverty, *pray for us.*

Model of workmen, *pray for us.*

Glory of home life, *pray for us.*  
Guardian of virgins, *pray for us.*  
Pillar of families, *pray for us.*  
Solace of the afflicted, *pray for us.*  
Hope of the sick, *pray for us.*  
Patron of the dying, *pray for us.*  
Terror of demons, *pray for us.*  
Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us.*  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Spare us, O Lord!*  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Graciously hear us, O Lord!*  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy on us!*  
V. He made him the lord of His household,  
R. *And prince over all His possessions.*

### ***Let us pray.***

O God, who in your inexpressible providence  
were pleased to choose Saint Joseph  
as spouse of the most holy Mother of your Son,  
grant, we pray,  
that we, who revere him as our protector on earth,  
may be worthy of his heavenly intercession.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen.

## **THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER (To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph))**

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.