



**Saint Joseph**  
*pray for us*

# Prayer to Saint Joseph

O God of steadfast love and protection,  
in every time and age, you raise up men and women  
who through lives of selflessness and kindness  
become symbols of your care and affection for us.

Outstanding among these persons was Saint Joseph,  
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
and to whom you entrusted the care  
of your Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

A wise and loyal servant,  
as loving and protective head of the Holy Family,  
Joseph gave of himself to the guidance of your Holy Spirit  
and even when he doubted  
you provided him with confidence and courage  
to do what was right and just.

By his example we embrace the joy  
of serving one another in humility and grace,  
seeking the blessings of love and affection,  
which are born of the relationships and bonds we forge.

In this Year of Saint Joseph,  
we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us  
that we may be ever enriched in the knowledge of selfless giving  
that comes when hearts are open to your transforming love.

May we be always ready to respond  
to the needs of the vulnerable  
and work to better the lives of those most in need.  
May the example of the Holy Family,  
under the care of Saint Joseph,  
inspire us to care for our human family,  
and to give authentic witness to the mercy, love, and forgiveness  
you so abundantly bestow upon your faithful sons and daughters.

Through our Lord Christ Jesus,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen.