

Novena to St. Joseph

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Dear Devotees of St. Joseph, Friends, Benefactors and Supporters of the Rosary Hour, Praised be Jesus Christ!

Soon, our thoughts and hearts will be directed to St. Joseph, this special saint in the history of salvation. He is the Blessed Virgin Mary's most chaste Spouse, foster father of Jesus, protector of the Holy Family, saint of the universal Church (founded by Jesus Christ), the patron of Christian marriages, families, workers, of a happy death and many more...

Our Catholic Church presents St. Joseph as an exemplar and model of such virtues as obedience to God, faith, diligence, fortitude, justice, chastity, beautiful love, modesty, poverty, silence, self-control and others.

St Joseph is completely devoted to God's will. As the head of the Holy Family of Nazareth he was endowed with grace and trust by God that was shown by entrusting him with the protection of Mary and Jesus - the Son of God. This is why the Catholic Church considers Saint Joseph to be an exceptional character, worthy of the devotion surrounding him. Saint Joseph is also portrayed by the Church as the vanquisher of evil spirits.

The **Feast of Saint Joseph** is approaching (March 19), and with it our **NOVENA**. We are writing to invite you to participate in it. Please join the Novena as soon as possible and confide your problems to St. Joseph – the

great as well as the small. Saint Joseph is a great Patron because he was very close to our Savior. He can certainly intercede to God for us, and for our intentions.

On the enclosed form, please note your personal INTENTIONS and REQUESTS. During the novena prayer (March 10-18) and the feast of St. Joseph (March 19), in common prayer through the intercession of St. Joseph and celebrated Masses, <u>Franciscan spiritually united</u> with entire *Rosary Hour Family* and *the Companions of St. Anthony* will ask for all the graces you and all of us need.

On this occasion, we also urge you to generously support *the Fr Justin Rosary Hour* and the Franciscans who spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As St. Joseph was a breadwinner and protector of the Holy Family, so are you also a protector of the *Rosary Hour*. YOUR GIFT WILL BE AN IMMENSE HELP IN EVANGELIZATION. It will also be, with no doubt, precious alms in the eyes of God – "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven" (cf. Lk 12, 33).

May St. Joseph, together with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the God, intercede for you in Christ Jesus, that your lives may attain salvation.

With prayer and gratitude,

Br. Daniel, OFM Conv.

Br Daniel Geary with the Fr Justin Rosary Hour community and the Companions of St. Anthony

PS - Along with thanks for participating in this Novena, you will receive a prayer called *Telegram to St. Joseph*. It is a Triduum celebrated on one day to implore speedy assistance. These prayers should be said three times a day: morning, noon and evening. If the situation is very urgent, this may be done in three consecutive hours.