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!

More than two thousand years have passed since an Angel of the Lord appeared to the righteous husband of the Maid of Nazareth and spoke thus: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and **you are to name him Jesus**, because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt 1,20-21)

JESUS said of himself, "I AM THE GATE. Whoever enters through me will be saved." (Jn 10,9) and St. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit proclaimed "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other **name** under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4,12) However, it was St. Joseph, fulfilling his fatherly role who gave the **name of "Jesus" which means** "God saves." (Lk 2,21) Joseph fulfilled his role perfectly and with great humili-



ty. It is for this reason that we can call him, after Mary, a second hidden "Apostle" of Jesus, the Savior.

We too, who by virtue of our Baptism belong to Christ, should make every effort to be good and active apostles of Jesus, following the example of Mary and Joseph.

Let us try to do deeds of mercy. Let us try to rediscover that Mercy is a fundamental right that resides (lives) in every human heart. It is a path that connects man with God and man with man. Mercy is a concrete action and the practical love.

God gave St. Joseph a task of being a breadwinner and protector of the Holy Family. Today in the same way He entrusted to your care the Fr. Justin Rosary Hour. That's why we ask you to support – any prayer and offering that your heart tells you, would be **a gift of mercy** and an immense help in the preaching of the word of God. It will also be, with no doubt, **precious alms** in the eyes of God - "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven" (cf. Lk 12,33).

The **NOVENA to ST. JOSEPH** is approaching. Please join the Novena as soon as possible and confide your problems to St. Joseph – the great as well as the small. On the enclosed form, please mark and write your personal INTENTIONS. From March 11th to the feast of St. Joseph, in common prayer through the intercession of St. Joseph and celebrated Masses, <u>Franciscan spiritually united with the entire *Rosary Hour Family* and *the Companions of St.* <u>Anthony will ask God for all the graces you and all of us need.</u></u>

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.

May St. Joseph, together with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the God, intercede for you in 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 – If you would like to receive a brochure with 9 Day St Joseph Novena Prayer write to us

or mark it on the return card. At your request, we would be happy to send it to you. When you send your intentions **REMEMBER to write YOUR NAME and** ADDRESS.