

# Prayers for the Consecration to St. Joseph

(Diocese of Marquette or your parish)

After Mass, the celebrant kneels before an image or statue of Saint Joseph in the sanctuary. He invites all to kneel and leads the people in the following prayer:

## Act of Consecration to Saint Joseph

**Celebrant:** O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God! O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the presence of Jesus and Mary, we, the clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the *(Diocese of Marquette or your parish)*, choose you this day to be our father, guardian, and protector.

O great Saint Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept us, we beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be members of your “Holy House.” Present us to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt us as her children. With her, pray that we may constantly think of Jesus, and serve him faithfully to the end of our lives. O Terror of Demons, increase in us virtue, protect us from the evil one, and help us not to offend God in any way.

O Spiritual Father, we hereby consecrate the *(Diocese of Marquette or your parish)* to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, we place all our concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, we consecrate our bodies and souls, with all their faculties, our spiritual growth, our homes, and all our affairs and undertakings.

Forsake us not, but adopt us as servants and children of the Holy Family. Watch over us at all times, but especially at the hour of our death. Console and strengthen us with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, we may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity.

Amen.

## Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father in heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

Saint Joseph,

Illustrious son of David,

Light of Patriarchs,

Spouse of the Mother of God,

Guardian of the Redeemer,

Pure Guardian of the Virgin,

Provider for the Son of God,

Zealous defender of Christ,

Servant of Christ,

Minister of salvation,

Head of the Holy Family,

Joseph, most just,

Joseph, most chaste,

Joseph, most prudent,

Joseph, most brave,

Joseph, most obedient,

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

have mercy on us.

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Joseph, most loyal,	pray for us.
Mirror of patience,	pray for us.
Lover of poverty,	pray for us.
Model for workers,	pray for us.
Glory of family life,	pray for us.
Guardian of virgins,	pray for us.
Cornerstone of families,	pray for us.
Support in difficulties,	pray for us.
Comfort of the sorrowing,	pray for us.
Hope of the sick,	pray for us.
Patron of exiles,	pray for us.
Patron of the afflicted,	pray for us.
Patron of the poor,	pray for us.
Patron of the dying,	pray for us.
Terror of demons,	pray for us.
Protector of the Holy Church,	pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,	spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,	hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,	have mercy on us.

He made him master of his house,	and ruler of all his possessions.
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**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

O God, who in your inexpressible providence were pleased to choose Saint Joseph as spouse of your most holy Mother, grant, we pray, that we, who revere him as our protector on earth, may be worthy of his heavenly intercession. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

**Celebrant:** Let us now conclude our consecration by reciting together the prayer that Pope Francis has promulgated for the Year of Saint Joseph:

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.

