

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

“Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life”

DAILY PRAYERS

MONDAY

Saint Joseph,
head of the Holy Family,
you worked with Jesus and for him.
Together you knew the hardships and
demands of a daily routine.

Help us to work fruitfully
with one another,
and to make good use of the gifts
God has given each of us,
so that we may model our lives on you
and grow in a spirit of service
and commitment to the mission of Jesus,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

TUESDAY

Saint Joseph,
God the Father chose you,
his faithful and just servant,
to be united in love with Jesus and Mary.

As you served Jesus,
pray that we may serve him in all people.
May we, who honour you
as husband of Mary
and earthly father of Jesus,
always remain true
to what God asks of each of us.

May God grant us, through your prayer,
the acceptance, love and service
with which you responded
when the Father chose you
to care for Jesus, his Son,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

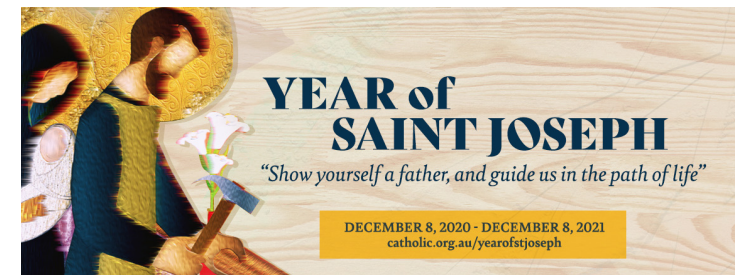
WEDNESDAY

Saint Joseph,
we come to you
with our cares and our worries
and confidently invoke
your prayer for us.

Through the love
which bound you to Mary
and to Jesus, her divine Son,
receive our prayers
and be our intercessor,
that we might know
your patronage and protection
in all our needs.

Unite our prayers to yours
and from heaven assist
us in our struggles and difficulties
until we shall attain
eternal happiness with you.

Amen.



THURSDAY

Saint Joseph,
with Jesus and Mary
you knew hunger and uncertainty.
You turned your heart to God
to present your needs
and the needs of your family.

In faith you accepted
the Father's response
as the events of life unfolded.

Be with us today
as we offer our prayers to the Father.
Saint Joseph, help us recognise God's will
as we open our hands
to accept what God bestows
in loving kindness.

With tenderness, God fills creation
with life and love.
Open our eyes to the wonders
that God works for us without ceasing.

Help us to understand God's way for us
and, like you, to live with faith and trust.

Amen.

FRIDAY

Hail, Saint Joseph,
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.



A SHORTER LITANY TO SAINT JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christ, have mercy	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

Saint Joseph, spouse of Mary
Pray for us

Saint Joseph, earthly father of Jesus
Pray for us

Saint Joseph, tender and caring
Pray for us

Saint Joseph, prudent and brave
Pray for us

Saint Joseph, wise and faithful
Pray for us

Saint Joseph, lover of simplicity
Pray for us

Saint Joseph, pattern of patience
Pray for us

Saint Joseph, model of workers
Pray for us

Saint Joseph, guardian of families
Pray for us

Saint Joseph, caregiver of the dying
Pray for us

Saint Joseph, comfort to the fearful
Pray for us

Saint Joseph, protector of our Church
Pray for us