

# March Prayers

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Due to the solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19th, this month is devoted to this great saint, the foster father of Christ.

*"It greatly behooves Christians, while honoring the Virgin Mother of God, constantly to invoke with deep piety and confidence her most chaste spouse, Saint Joseph. We have a well grounded conviction that such is the special desire of the Blessed Virgin herself." --Pope Leo XIII*

## FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JOSEPH

O Joseph,  
virgin-father of Jesus,  
most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary,  
pray every day for us to the same Jesus, the Son of God,  
that we, being defended by the power of His grace and striving dutifully in life,  
may be crowned by Him at the hour of death.  
Amen

## FOR OUR WORK

Glorious Saint Joseph,  
pattern of all who are devoted to toil,  
obtain for me the grace to toil in the spirit of penance,  
in order thereby to atone for my many sins;  
to toil conscientiously, putting devotion to duty before my own inclinations;  
to labour with thankfulness and joy,  
deeming it an honor to employ and to develop, by my labour,  
the gifts I have received from Almighty God;  
to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience,  
without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties;  
to work above all with a pure intention and with detachment from self,  
having always before my eyes the hour of death  
and the accounting which I must then render of time ill-spent,  
of talents unemployed, of good undone, and of my empty pride in success,  
which is so fatal to the work of God.  
All for Jesus,  
all through Mary,  
all in imitation of thee, O Patriarch Joseph!  
This shall be my motto in life and in death.  
Amen.

OFFERING TO SAINT JOSEPH

O great Saint Joseph,  
thou generous depositary and dispenser of immortal riches,  
behold us prostrate at thy feet,  
implore thee to receive us as thy servants and as thy children.  
Next to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary,  
of which thou art the faithful copy,  
we acknowledge that there is no heart more tender, more compassionate than thine.  
What, then, have we to fear, or, rather, for what should we not hope,  
if thou dost deign  
to be our benefactor, our master, our model, our father and our mediator?  
Refuse not, then, this favour,  
O powerful protector!  
We ask it of thee by the love thou hast for Jesus and Mary.  
Into thy hands we commit our souls and bodies,  
but above all the last moments of our lives.  
May we, after having honoured, imitated, and served thee on earth,  
eternally sing with thee the mercies of Jesus and Mary.  
Amen.

