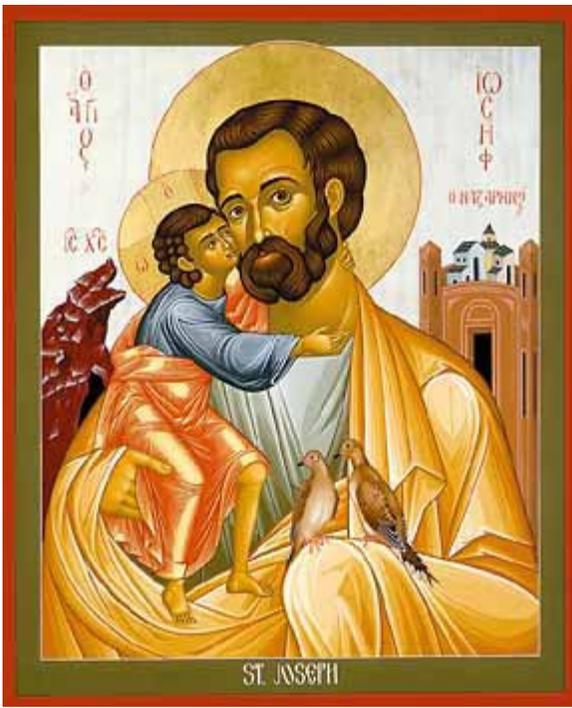


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March 10 to March 18



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March 10: Joseph, the Protector of Christ

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Saint Joseph.

ALL: In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: God the Father of Heaven,

ALL: have mercy on us.

Leader: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

ALL: have mercy on us.

Leader: God, the Holy Spirit,

ALL: have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy Trinity, One God,

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Leader: Foster-father of the Son of God, **ALL:** pray for us.

Leader: Pray for us, Saint Joseph,
ALL: that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,
ALL: that never was it known that any who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power, we come to you, and beg your protection. O foster-father of the Redeemer, do not reject our humble prayer but in your graciousness hear and answer us. Amen.

Leader: Saint Joseph, watchful protector of Christ,

ALL: pray for us who have recourse to you.

Reader: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Ephesians: (3:14-19)

I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

ALL: The Word of the Lord! **(Moment of Silent Prayer or a Reflection)**

Leader: Lord, you are my allotted portion and my cup,

ALL: you have made my destiny secure.

Leader: You will show me the path to life,

ALL: abounding joy in your presence.

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: God our Father, you sent your beloved Son the Lord Jesus into the world to give us life in abundance, to reconcile all things in him, and to show us the way to your Kingdom. Through the intercession and protection of St. Joseph, fill us with the Spirit of Christ as we live in the midst of the world and its concerns; help us, like him, to center our lives on Christ and build up your eternal kingdom. Amen.

(Ps 16:5,11)





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March 11: Joseph, Exemplar of Hope and Trust

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Saint Joseph.
ALL: In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: God the Father of Heaven,
ALL: have mercy on us.

Leader: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
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 Leader: Foster-father of the Son of God, **ALL:** pray for us.

Leader: Pray for us, Saint Joseph,
ALL: that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,
ALL: that never was it known that any who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power, we come to you, and beg your protection. O foster-father of the Redeemer, do not reject our humble prayer but in your graciousness hear and answer us. Amen.

Leader: Saint Joseph, exemplar of hope and trust,
ALL: pray for us who have recourse to you.

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: (10:22-23,35-36)
 Let us approach God with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy. Therefore, do not throw away your confidence; it will have great recompense. You need endurance to do the will of God and receive what he has promised.

ALL: The Word of the Lord! **(Moment of Silent Prayer or a Reflection)**

Leader: Be strong and take heart,
ALL: all who hope in the Lord.

Leader: I trust in you, Lord;
ALL: I say, "You are my God."

Leader: Let us pray:
ALL: All-wise and all-holy God, to prepare for the birth of your Eternal Word on earth in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you sent the angel to St. Joseph to dispel his fears and doubts and to build in him a sense of hope and trust in your will. Through his intercession and protection, grant that we may find hope in you when difficulties confront us and may display trust in your loving Providence through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Ps 31:25,15)





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March 12: Joseph, Pillar of Families

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Saint Joseph.

ALL: In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: God the Father of Heaven,

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Leader: Pray for us, Saint Joseph,
ALL: that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,
ALL: that never was it known that any who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power, we come to you, and beg your protection. O foster-father of the Redeemer, do not reject our humble prayer but in your graciousness hear and answer us. Amen.

Leader: Saint Joseph, pillar of families,
ALL: pray for us who have recourse to you.

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians: (4:1-6,30-31)
Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.

ALL: The Word of the Lord! **(Moment of Silent Prayer or a Reflection)**

Leader: Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
ALL: and who walk in his ways. (Ps 128:1-2)

Leader: What your hands provide you will enjoy;

ALL: you will be blessed and prosper.

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: Father in heaven, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the human family. Through the intercession and protection of St. Joseph, teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all people that we may share in your life for ever through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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March 13: Joseph, Facilitator of Proper Human Housing

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Saint Joseph.

ALL: In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: God the Father of Heaven,

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ALL: that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,
ALL: that never was it known that any who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power, we come to you, and beg your protection. O foster-father of the Redeemer, do not reject our humble prayer but in your graciousness hear and answer us. Amen.

Leader: Saint Joseph, facilitator of proper human housing,

ALL: pray for us who have recourse to you.

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter: (2:3-5,9)

You have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

ALL: The Word of the Lord! **(Moment of Silent Prayer or a Reflection)**

Leader: You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

ALL: who abide in the shade of the Almighty,

Leader: Say to the Lord, “My refuge and fortress,

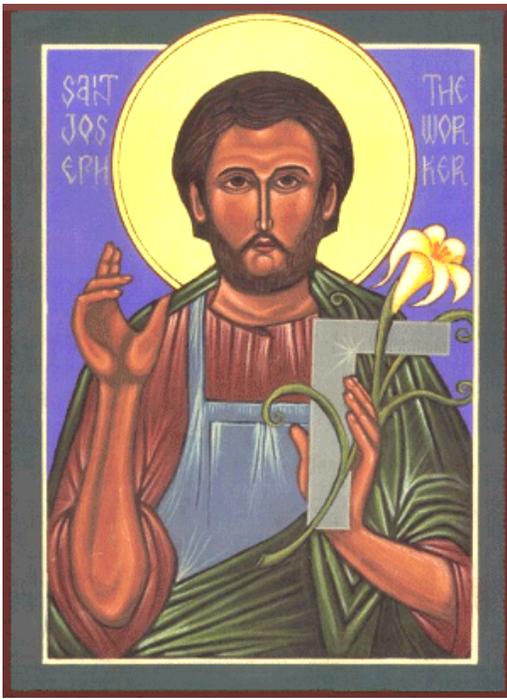
ALL: my God in whom I trust.”

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: Loving God, in your compassion and mercy you hear your people’s cry for their human rights of housing, education, health care, food, and water. Now, through the intercession and protection of St. Joseph the carpenter, help those in need to sell their property quickly, easily, and profitably and to secure for themselves a dwelling place worthy of their dignity through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Ps 91:1-2)





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March 14: Joseph, Patron of Workers

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Saint Joseph.
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Leader: Pray for us, Saint Joseph,
ALL: that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,
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Leader: Saint Joseph, patron of workers and intercessor for the unemployed,
ALL: pray for us who have recourse to you.

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians: (3:17,23-24)
 Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance; be slaves of the Lord Christ.

ALL: The Word of the Lord! **(Moment of Silent Prayer or a Reflection)**

Leader: Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build. (Ps 127:1; Ps 90:17)

ALL: Unless the Lord guard the city, in vain does the guard keep watch.

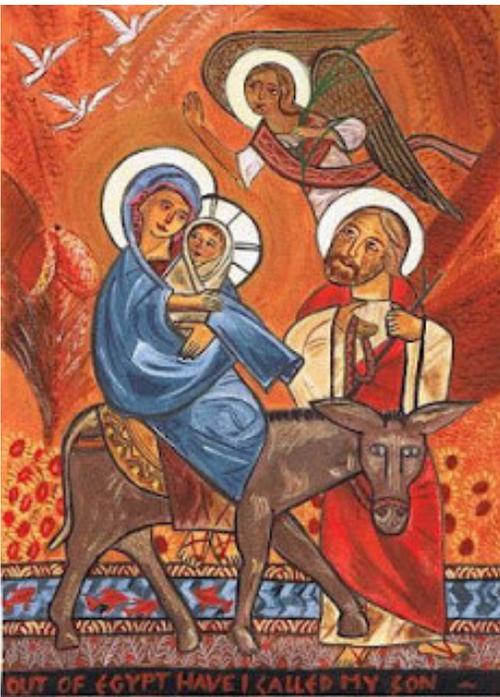
Leader: May the favor of the Lord our God be ours.

ALL: Prosper the work of our hands! Prosper the work of our hands!

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: God our Father, by human labor you govern and guide to perfection the work of creation. Through the intercession and protection of St. Joseph, hear the prayers of your people and give to all the work that enhances their human dignity and draws them closer to one another in the service of their brothers and sisters through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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March 15: Joseph, Advocate for Immigrants, Refugees, and Exiles

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Saint Joseph.

ALL: In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: God the Father of Heaven,

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Leader: Pray for us, Saint Joseph,
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Leader: Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,
ALL: that never was it known that any who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power, we come to you, and beg your protection. O foster-father of the Redeemer, do not reject our humble prayer but in your graciousness hear and answer us. Amen.

Leader: Saint Joseph, advocate for immigrants, refugees, and exiles,

ALL: pray for us who have recourse to you.

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: (13:1-3,16)

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment, and of the ill-treated as of yourselves, for you also are in the body. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.

ALL: The Word of the Lord! **(Moment of Silent Prayer or a Reflection)**

Leader: By the rivers of Babylon there we sat weeping

ALL: when we remembered Zion.

Leader: For there our captors asked us for the words of a song;

ALL: But how could we sing a song of the Lord in a foreign land?

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: Lord, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over immigrants, refugees, and exiles, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left or run away from home. Through the intercession and protection of St. Joseph, bring them safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to those in need through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Ps 137:1,3-4)





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March 16: Joseph, Comforter of the Sick and the Afflicted

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Saint Joseph.

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Leader: God the Father of Heaven,

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Leader: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

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Leader: Foster-father of the Son of God,

ALL: pray for us.

Leader: Pray for us, Saint Joseph,

ALL: that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,

ALL: that never was it known that any who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power, we come to you, and beg your protection. O foster-father of the Redeemer, do not reject our humble prayer but in your graciousness hear and answer us. Amen.

Leader: Saint Joseph, comforter of the sick and solace for the afflicted,

ALL: pray for us who have recourse to you.

Reader: A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

(4:6-10)

God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ. But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body.

ALL: The Word of the Lord! **(Moment of Silent Prayer or a Reflection)**

Leader: Lord, hear my prayer;

ALL: let my cry come to you.

Leader: Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress.

ALL: Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: God our compassionate Father, the lasting health of all who believe in you, your love guides every moment of our lives. Accepts the prayers we offer for our sick and afflicted brothers and sisters through the intercession and protection of St. Joseph. Restore them to health and turn our anxiety for them into joy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Ps 102:2-3)





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March 17: Joseph, Patron of the Dying

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Saint Joseph.
ALL: In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: God the Father of Heaven,
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Leader: Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,
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Leader: Saint Joseph, patron of the dying,
ALL: pray for us who have recourse to you.

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Romans: (14:7-9)
 None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

ALL: The Word of the Lord! **(Moment of Silent Prayer or a Reflection)**

Leader: Into your hands I commend my spirit;
ALL: you will redeem me, Lord, God of truth.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord; marvelously he showed to me his mercy.
ALL: Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray:
ALL: God of power and mercy, you have made death itself the gateway to eternal life. Look with love and compassion on our dying brothers and sisters. Through the intercession and protection of St. Joseph, make them one with your Son in his passion and death and bring them to enjoy happiness and peace for ever in the life to come through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Ps 31:6,22,25)





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March 18: Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Saint Joseph.

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Leader: Foster-father of the Son of God, **ALL:** pray for us.

Leader: Pray for us, Saint Joseph,

ALL: that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,

ALL: that never was it known that any who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power, we come to you, and beg your protection. O foster-father of the Redeemer, do not reject our humble prayer but in your graciousness hear and answer us. Amen.

Leader: Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church,

ALL: pray for us who have recourse to you.

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians:

(2:19-22)

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

ALL: The Word of the Lord! **(Moment of Silent Prayer or a Reflection)**

Leader: Enter, let us bow down in worship;

(Ps 95:6-7)

ALL: let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

Leader: For he is our God,

ALL: we are the people he shepherds, the sheep in his hands.

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty and eternal God, in Christ your Son you have shown your glory to the world. Through the intercession and protection of Saint Joseph, guide the work of your Church: help it proclaim your name, to persevere in faith, and to bring your salvation to people everywhere through Christ our Lord. Amen.

