

ST. JOSEPH
ROSARY

The Rosary of the Sorrows of St. Joseph

1. Joseph's Sorrows at the Silence of the Divine Will and Mary

Saint Joseph's Sorrow beholding the Mystery of the Incarnation in Mary and not yet being told his part, feeling he must withdraw in the presence of such mysterious events.

The thought of separation from his beloved Mary was worse than physical death to him and yet he had to endure Her silence as well as the silence of God in this matter.

Joseph's Joys

Having passed the test of Justice and Mercy he experienced His Joy at being told, "Don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife for what is conceived in Her is of the Holy Spirit."

The Acts of Divine Will in this Mystery

"And from His Mother's Womb He shall begin to deliver Israel" (Judges 13:5)

The Divine Will
from the Womb of His Virgin Mother
begins to deliver Israel,
and in the person of His father Joseph
procures the Virgin Fatherhood
which will protect and provide
for all His Incarnations through Mary.

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, St. Joseph!

Joseph's Ave

Hail Joseph! Image of God the Father!
The Lord is with you - with Mary!
Blessed are you among all men,
and Blessed is the Fruit
of your Fiat with Mary, Jesus.

Holy Joseph, Father to God
and Spouse of the Immaculate Conception,
Generate Their Divine Life in us now
and at the hour of our death. Amen

2. Joseph in Seeing The Divine Will rejected

Saint Joseph's Sorrow at witnessing the poverty in which the Mother of God birthed the Divine Infant in a stable, with every door closed to Them.

Joseph's Joys

His Joy hearing the angelic choirs praise Jesus and His Mother and in witnessing the adoration of the shepherds and the Gentile Kings.

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, St. Joseph!

Joseph's Ave

Hail Joseph! Image of God the Father!
The Lord is with you - with Mary!
Blessed are you among all men,
and Blessed is the Fruit
of your Fiat with Mary, Jesus.

Holy Joseph, Father to God
and Spouse of the Immaculate Conception,
Generate Their Divine Life in us now
and at the hour of our death. Amen

3. Joseph's Sorrows in Jesus's Circumcision

St. Joseph's Sorrow at beholding the Precious Blood of the Divine Infant shed for the first time at His Circumcision.

This was His offering, in the spirit of Abraham, the Blood of his Son foretelling the shedding of His Blood to its last drop on the Cross.

Joseph's Joys

With Mary Joseph finds Joy in pronouncing the Holy Name of Jesus – the only name by which Mankind is saved, the Holy Name at whose hearing “every knee shall bend and every head bow”.

“This is the Child I prayed for, and Yawweh granted me what I asked Him. Now I make Him over to Yahweh for the whole of His life He is made over to Yahweh.” (1 Samuel 1:27)

O Beautiful Divine Innocence, Jesus!

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, St. Joseph!

Joseph's Ave

Hail Joseph! Image of God the Father!
The Lord is with you - with Mary!
Blessed are you among all men,
and Blessed is the Fruit
of your Fiat with Mary, Jesus.

Holy Joseph, Father to God
and Spouse of the Immaculate Conception,
Generate Their Divine Life in us now
and at the hour of our death. Amen

4. Joseph's Sorrows at Simeon's Prophecy

Saint Joseph's Sorrow at hearing the prophecy of Simeon in regard to his dearest Loves, Jesus and Mary. Jesus is to be a "Sign of contradiction" and a Sword of Sorrow will pierce the Heart of Mary sharing in the Sufferings of Her Son.

Joseph's Joys

His Joy at hearing that through this Sword of Sorrow in the Immaculate Heart of Mary, "the thoughts of many will be revealed".

God's Truth will come to light through those souls Immaculate Heart will illuminate, and through Jesus "the salvation of many" will come.

The Joys of Joseph and Mary are always shared and peppered with intense awareness of the cost of bringing Salvation to the world – the Precious Blood and Life Sacrifice of their Son. This is Their Passion.

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, St. Joseph!

Joseph's Ave

Hail Joseph! Image of God the Father!

The Lord is with you - with Mary!

Blessed are you among all men,

and Blessed is the Fruit

of your Fiat with Mary, Jesus.

Holy Joseph, Father to God
and Spouse of the Immaculate Conception,
Generate Their Divine Life in us now
and at the hour of our death. Amen

5. Joseph's Sorrows at Jesus's Forced Exile

Saint Joseph's Sorrow when the angel ordered him to "Take the Child and His Mother and flee into Egypt" from the murderous Herod and his agony with Mary and Jesus on hearing the cries of the little innocents being slaughtered in the wake of their departure.

Joseph's Joys

His Joy at seeing the idols of Egypt fall at the arrival of his Son and his holy Spouse signifying the power of the Presence of the One True God, humble and little, requiring no temples of gold, just the shelter of Joseph's Holy Cloak.

Tradition tells us at Heliopolis at the famous Temple of the Sun, the three hundred and sixty-five deities worshipped there all fell to the ground, and similar things occurred throughout all Egypt bringing to conversion Aphrodysius, the High Priest of the Sun.

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, St. Joseph!

Joseph's Ave

Hail Joseph! Image of God the Father!
The Lord is with you - with Mary!
Blessed are you among all men,
and Blessed is the Fruit
of your Fiat with Mary, Jesus.

Holy Joseph, Father to God
and Spouse of the Immaculate Conception,
Generate Their Divine Life in us now
and at the hour of our death. Amen

6. Joseph brings the Divine Will home

Saint Joseph's Sorrow on hearing that after so many years of exile and being told to return, there was yet another despot, Archelaus, son of Herod, sitting on his throne. His paternal anxieties suffered on account of this news, remembering the multitude of babies slaughtered at their departure.

Joseph's Joys

His Joy however was to be told by the angel to return to Galilee and resettle in Nazareth, where he finds joy in serving his two Loves, Mary and Jesus, in a life of simplicity and obscurity, avoiding the curious eyes of those who would seek to murder Jesus.

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, St. Joseph!

Joseph's Ave

Hail Joseph! Image of God the Father!
The Lord is with you - with Mary!
Blessed are you among all men,
and Blessed is the Fruit
of your Fiat with Mary, Jesus.

Holy Joseph, Father to God
and Spouse of the Immaculate Conception,
Generate Their Divine Life in us now
and at the hour of our death. Amen

7. St. Joseph's Sorrow at Jesus's Disappearance

Abba suffers the sorrow of a father whose heart was always intent on guarding his precious Son. In this sorrow Saint Joseph shared in the wound of separation from the Eternal Father at the climax of Christ's suffering on Calvary, when He was obliged to withdraw His presence from His Son and hear His anguished cry, *"Father! Father! Why have you abandoned Me!"* Now it is Joseph and Mary who cry, *"My Son! My Son! Why have you abandoned us!"*

Joseph's Joys

His Joy however when with Mary, they find Him again in the Temple - a joy none the less tinged with grief when Jesus asks them, *"Why have you been searching for Me? Didn't you know I must be about My Father's business?"*

Saints learn to allow the mysterious acts of God rest in their hearts for deeper revelations on another day. None the less Mary, the Mother and Teacher of saints and parents, saying,

"Son! Why have You done this to us? Did you not know Your father and I have been searching for You sorrowing?"

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, St. Joseph!

Joseph's Ave

Hail Joseph! Image of God the Father!
The Lord is with you - with Mary!
Blessed are you among all men,
and Blessed is the Fruit
of your Fiat with Mary, Jesus.

Holy Joseph, Father to God
and Spouse of the Immaculate Conception,
Generate Their Divine Life in us now
and at the hour of our death. Amen

Jesus to Luisa:

“My daughter with Us in the house of Nazareth. If you work, if you pray, if you eat, if you walk, you must give one hand to me, the other to our Mother; and look at St Joseph to see if your acts are like ours. Then you will be able to say, “I make a model of what Jesus, my heavenly Mother and St. Joseph do. Then, I copy it.” I want to repeat my hidden life in you according to the model you have made. In you I want to find the works of my Mother and St. Joseph, as well as My own Works.”

“My daughter, take heart, don’t be discouraged. If you don’t know how to do something, ask Me to teach you and I’ll go it right away. I’ll speak to you of our actions, our intentions, and our constant Love. I’ll show you how I, like sea, and they like two rivers, overflowed into each other; that we didn’t have much time to talk, since Love absorbed us so much. See how far behind Us you are? You must work hard to catch up to Us; so be silent and pay attention.”

Prayer for the Pope

Lord, Jesus Christ, shelter our Holy Father the Pope under the protection of Thy Sacred Heart, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Chaste Heart of St Joseph! Be thou his light, his strength and his consolation. Deliver Him not up to his enemies. Amen.
(One Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

Luisa’s Prayer to Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

O Mary, Mother of sweet Hope and of beautiful Love,
I hide myself in the pious shadow of your mantle.

Saint Joseph, my dear most perfect example of the highest sanctity,
be my singular protector, and my model in the interior life,
of holy sorrow and of Holy Love

In the midst of your three Hearts, O Jesus, O Mary, O Joseph!
I remain secure and will fear no more on my journey.
O Jesus, O Mary, O Joseph! Make me holy, I implore You!
O Please, Make me holy!

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father! You chose Saint Joseph to be Your Vicar on earth for Mary and Jesus. He always obeyed Your Will and was obeyed by Them, as spouse and father.

May the Mystical Body of Christ honor, with deeper love, the Gift of Your Fatherhood given to us in Saint Joseph. May we honor him, who, as father to Jesus, is father to us.

May we honor him as the one who saved Christ from the murderous intent of Herod, through obedience to Your Holy Will. May he save us from the death that sin has brought into the world and convert all from the contraceptive culture of death to the Holy Family Culture of Life. May he save the Faith in our families and restore the domestic Church to the Glory of Holy Family Life through the Unity of Wills of mothers and fathers with the Divine Will.

“May all be One” in the Order of Holy Family Life, through which we receive the Spousal Gift of Life from our Eternal Mother and Father.

May Your virginal priesthood be increased in fruitfulness through consecration to Saint Joseph, father to the Eternal High Priest, Jesus, and Spouse of Mary, Mother of Priests. Amen

INDULGENCES of the CHURCH

Popes Gregory XVI and Pius IX granted the following indulgences to all the faithful who say the devotion of the Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys on any seven consecutive Sundays of the year:

- 5 years indulgence on each of these Sundays
- A Plenary indulgence on the seventh Sunday, after Confession, Communion, and prayers for the Pope.
- A Plenary indulgence on any of the seven Sundays kept as above in honor of the holy Patriarch Saint Joseph, at any time in the year whatever, provided only they be kept consecutively, and provided also the usual conditions are observed of Confession, Communion, visit to a church, and prayer according to the mind of the Holy Father.
- Say seven St. Joseph Aves for each of the Seven Decades / Mysteries

Because Saint Joseph was associated with Mary in Her glorious privileges, he also had to suffer with Her; and his heart too was pierced by innumerable swords of sorrow. He suffered continually in his heart a unique sorrow that only the father of this Divine Child and virgin spouse of Mary, the Mother of all Sorrows can suffer.

The suffering acts of his Paternity were to enflesh the Eternal Father's own Sorrow at the way men treated His Son and thereby make reparation for the sins of fathers. Only one man was chosen to father God on earth and therefore Joseph's Office is unique among men and it carries with it unique acts of love and unique sufferings. May these reflections help us enter his heart to unite with him in these acts. Fiat!

The humanity, heart and soul of Joseph was to be infused with the Sorrows of the Eternal Father, Who cannot suffer in His Divine Being, and therefore searched for one who could father His Son on earth with His own Heart.

Yet, as the Eternal Father witnessed the way men treated His Son and Spouse, He desired in Joseph a place He could infuse His own Will and Sorrows, and in this, Joseph made reparation for sin, especially the sins of fathers towards their children and husbands towards their wives; more especially the sin of Adam who did not protect his wife, Eve, against the subtle machinations of the devil and instead colluded with her in divorcing himself from the Divine Will.

Joseph, on the other hand, united his Fiat with Mary's, believing that God could conceive His own Life in Her forming in Her, His own Humanity, in which He could repair from the sins of Mankind...
simply by the Power of His Eternal Will, Word, and Love.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.
O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.
Amen

————— + —————

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all in Imitation of St. Joseph.

