

***In honor of St. Joseph,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
During the Month of March***

**Raccolta #460**

The faithful, who in order to obtain the assistance of St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the various needs of their spiritual and physical life, devoutly invoke his holy name, are granted:

*(An indulgence of 300 days; A Plenary Indulgence on the usual conditions, provided that they devoutly repeat this invocation every day for a month (S. P. Ap., Oct. 22, 1940).*

**Raccolta #469 (Before an image of St. Joseph)**

The faithful who before an image of St. Joseph, piously recite: **Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be**, with the invocation: **Saint Joseph, pray for me!**

May gain: *((An indulgence of 300 days; A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if this pious practice is continued for an entire month (S. P. Ap., Oct. 12, 1936)).*

**Raccolta #459**

O Saint Joseph, foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ and true spouse of Mary the Virgin, pray for us.

*(An indulgence of 30 days once a day (Leo XIII, Motu Proprio, May 15, 1891)).*

**Raccolta #472**

Remember, O most pure Spouse of the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, my beloved patron, that never hath it been heard that any one invoked thy patronage and sought thine aid without being comforted. Inspired by this confidence, I come to thee and fervently commend myself to thee. Ah, despise not my petition, dear foster-father of our Redeemer, but accept it graciously. Amen.

*(An indulgence of 500 days (Apostolic Brief, June 26, 1863; S. P. Ap., Jan 20, 1933)).*

**Raccolta #476**

To thee, O blessed Joseph, do we have recourse in our tribulation, and, having implored the help of thy thrice-holy Spouse, we confidently invoke thy patronage also. By that charity wherewith thou wast united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly affection with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray, that thou wouldst look graciously upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ hath purchased by His Blood, and assist us in our needs by thy power and strength.

Most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, protect the chosen people of Jesus Christ; keep far from us, most loving father, all blight of error and corruption: mercifully assist us from heaven, most mighty defender, in this our conflict with the powers of darkness; and, even as of old thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from the supreme peril of His life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; keep us one and all under thy continual protection, that we may be supported by thine examples and thine assistance, may be enabled to lead a holy life, die a happy death and come at last to the possession of everlasting blessedness in heaven. Amen.

*(An indulgence of 3 years. An indulgence of 7 years during the month of October, when said after the recitation of the Rosary and on any Wednesday throughout the year. A Plenary Indulgence once a month, on the usual conditions, for the daily recitation of this prayer (Leo XIII, Encyclical Aug. 15, 1889; S. C. Ind., Sept. 21, 1889; S. P. Ap., May 17, 1927; Dec 13, 1935 and March 10, 1941)).*

## *Novena of St. Joseph*

### **Raccolta #470**

#### **First Meditation**

O chaste Spouse of Mary most holy, glorious Saint Joseph, great was the trouble and anguish of thy heart when thou wast minded to put away privately thine inviolate Spouse, yet thy joy was unspeakable, when the surpassing mystery of the Incarnation was made known to thee by the Angel!

By this thy sorrow and this thy joy we beseech thee to comfort our souls, both now and in the sorrows of our final hour, with the joy of a good life and a holy death after the pattern of thine own in the arms of Jesus and Mary. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

#### **Second Meditation**

O most blessed Patriarch, glorious Saint Joseph, who wast chosen to be the foster-father of the Word made flesh, thy sorrow at seeing the Child Jesus born in such poverty was suddenly changed into heavenly exultation when thou didst hear the angelic hymn, and didst behold the glories of that resplendent night.

By this thy sorrow and this thy joy, we implore thee to obtain for us the grace to pass over from life's pathway to hear the angelic songs of praise, and to rejoice in the shining splendor of celestial glory. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

#### **Third Meditation**

O glorious Saint Joseph, thou who didst faithfully obey the law of God, thy heart was pierced at the sight of the Most Precious Blood that was shed by the Infant Saviour during His Circumcision, but the Name of Jesus gave thee new life and filled thee with quiet joy.

By this thy sorrow and this thy joy, obtain for us the grace to be freed from all sin during life, and to die rejoicing, with the holy Name of Jesus in our hearts and on our lips. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

#### **Fourth Meditation**

O most faithful Saint, who didst share the mysteries of our Redemption, glorious Saint Joseph, the prophecy of Simeon touching the sufferings of Jesus and Mary caused thee to shudder with mortal dread, but at the same time filled thee with a blessed joy for the salvation and glorious resurrection which, he foretold, would be attained by countless souls.

By this thy sorrow and this thy joy, obtain for us that we may be of the number of those who, through the merits of Jesus and the intercession of Mary the Virgin Mother, are predestined to a glorious resurrection. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

#### **Fifth Meditation**

O most watchful Guardian of the Incarnate Son of God, glorious Saint Joseph, what toil was thine in supporting and waiting upon the Son of the Most High God, especially in the flight into Egypt! Yet at the same time, how thou didst rejoice to have near thee always the very God Himself, and to see the idols of the Egyptians fall prostrate to the ground before Him.

By this thy sorrow and this thy joy, obtain for us the grace of keeping ourselves in safety from the infernal tyrant, especially by flight from dangerous occasions; may every idol of earthly affection fall from our hearts; may we be wholly employed in serving Jesus and Mary, and for them alone may we live and happily die. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

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### **Sixth Meditation**

O glorious Saint Joseph, an angel on earth, thou didst marvel to see the King of Heaven obedient to thy commands, but thy consolation in bringing Jesus out of the land of Egypt was troubled by thy fear of Archelaus; nevertheless, being assured by the Angel, thou didst dwell in gladness at Nazareth with Jesus and Mary.

By this thy sorrow and this thy joy, obtain for us that our hearts may be delivered from harmful fears, that so we may rejoice in peace of conscience and may live in safety with Jesus and Mary, and, like unto thee, may die in their company. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

### **Seventh Meditation**

O glorious Saint Joseph, pattern of all holiness, when thou didst lose, through no fault of thine, the Child Jesus, thou didst seek Him sorrowing for the space of three days, until with great joy thou didst find Him again in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors.

By this thy sorrow and this thy joy, we supplicate thee, with our hearts upon our lips, to keep us from ever having the misfortune to lose Jesus through mortal sin; but if this supreme misfortune should befall us, grant that we may seek Him with unceasing sorrow until we find Him again, ready to show us His great mercy, especially at the hour of death; that so we may pass over to enjoy His presence in heaven and there, in company with thee, may we sing the praises of His Divine Mercy forever. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

### **Antiphon**

And Jesus Himself was beginning about the age of thirty years, being (as it was supposed) the Son of Joseph.

V. Pray for us, O holy Joseph,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### **Let Us Pray**

O God, Who in Thine unspeakable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the Spouse of Thy most holy Mother: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may deserve to have him as our intercessor in heaven, who we venerate on earth as our protector: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

*(An indulgence of 5 years. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if these prayers are repeated with devotion daily for an entire month (Pius VII, Audience, Dec. 9, 1819; S. P. Ap., May 12, 1932)).*

*Litany of Saint Joseph***Raccolta #462**

Lord, have mercy on us.	Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.	Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven,	Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	Have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Ghost,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity one God,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,	Pray for us.
Saint Joseph,	Pray for us.
Renowned offspring of David,	Pray for us.
Light of Patriarchs,	Pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God,	Pray for us.
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,	Pray for us.
Foster-father of the Son of God,	Pray for us.
Diligent protector of Christ,	Pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family,	Pray for us.
Joseph most just,	Pray for us.
Joseph most chaste,	Pray for us.
Joseph most prudent,	Pray for us.
Joseph most strong,	Pray for us.
Joseph most obedient,	Pray for us.
Joseph most faithful,	Pray for us.
Mirror of patience,	Pray for us.
Lover of poverty,	Pray for us.
Model of artisans,	Pray for us.
Glory of home life,	Pray for us.
Guardian of virgins,	Pray for us.
Pillar of families,	Pray for us.
Solace of the wretched,	Pray for us.
Hope of the sick,	Pray for us.
Patron of the dying,	Pray for us.
Terror of demons,	Pray for us.
Protector of Holy Church,	Pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,	Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,	Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,	Have mercy on us.

V. He made him lord of His house;  
 R. And ruler of all His substance.

Let us Pray. O God, who in Thine unspeakable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may deserve to have him as our intercessor in heaven, whom we venerate on earth as our protector: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen. (*An indulgence of 5 years. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if this litany together with its versicle and response, and the prayer are recited daily for a month (S. Cong. Of Rites, March 18, 1909, exhib. March 19, 1909; S. P. Ap., March 21, 1935).*)