



33 DAY CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: WEEK 5

After each daily reading, recite at least one decade of the Rosary and meditate on The Litany to St. Joseph. Excerpts taken from *Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC.

Day 26, Sun, Oct. 25th: Guardian of Virgins, Pray for Us. St. Joseph shared a life of celibacy, along with the Virgin Mary and Jesus. Many religious saints have written of their prayers to St. Joseph for his intercession in protecting their purity. Everyone will be tempted to sins of impurity. During these trials, ask St. Joseph for his guidance and protection.

Day 27, Mon, Oct. 26th: Pillar of Families, Pray for Us. A pillar is a firm support. St. Joseph was a firm foundation for the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the pillar of families. The Holy Family put God first; sharing prayers, meals, love, forgiveness, and mercy. Modern society has witnessed the breakdown of the family and the negative consequences on individuals, especially, children. Ask St. Joseph to help make your family strong.

Day 28, Tues, Oct. 27th: Comfort of the Afflicted, Pray for Us. In life, you cannot escape sorrow. Life has many challenges and problems: financial, emotional, health, worries, death of loved ones, difficulties in relationships. Many have grown up without the presence of a loving father. Rest in St. Joseph's fatherhood, he will offer comfort.

Day 29, Wed, Oct. 28th: Hope of the Sick, Pray for Us. St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Theresa of Avila speak of their physically healing after prayers to St. Joseph to intercede before God. Their prayers were answered. St. Joseph offers hope in times of sickness.

Day 30, Thurs, Oct. 29th: Patron of the Dying, Pray for Us. Joseph died a holy and happy death. Tradition says that St. Joseph died in the loving presence of Mary and Jesus. We will all die. We need to prepare ourselves for our own deaths. "St. Joseph is the patron and protector of a happy death. Those who pray to him are certain to die in good dispositions. He is the model of those who wish to die in the Lord.") St. Perter Julian Eymard.

Day 31, Fri, Oct. 30th: Terror of Demons, Pray for Us. St. Joseph alone bears this title, "Terror of Demons." Why are demons terrified of St. Joseph? It is because he alone was the spouse of the Immaculata, he spent many years in "adoration" of Jesus, he had paternal authority over Jesus. St. Joseph is often depicted holding a lily. The lily represents the sword of purity. It is a spiritual weapon. It is the sword that pierces the serpent dragon. When pressed by evil, go to St. Joseph.

Day 32, Sat, Oct. 31st: Protector of the Holy Church, Pray for Us. In 1870, St. Joseph was proclaimed, "Patron of the Universal Church." Patron come from the root word, "pater," "father." The Church continues to undergo division. Many outside and inside the Church threaten her. Let us pray to St. Joseph to safeguard the Church and help restore her to order.

Church open Sun @ 5:30 pm for Vespers/Rosary; and Mon-Thurs, & Sat @ 7 pm for Rosary/Litany