

TRADITIONAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

A very old and beautiful invocation to Saint Joseph is traditionally prayed for nine days before the Feast of Saint Joseph, starting on March 10.

*O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the **Throne of God**, I place in you all my interests and desires.*

*O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your **Divine Son** all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, **our Lord**, so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my **thanksgiving and homage** to the most Loving of Fathers.*

*O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and **Jesus** asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.*

*Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask **Him** to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.*

*Saint Joseph, **Patron of departed souls** – pray for me. (Mention your intention)*

Amen.

