



## **Novena to St. Joseph**

1. **His Fidelity to Grace-** Think of this for a minute, thank God, and ask for the grace to be faithful to grace.

*\*By this is meant St. Joseph's consciousness of sanctifying grace, and cooperation to actual grace that God sent him.*

2. **His Fidelity to the Interior Life-** Think for a minute, thank God, and ask for the same Grace in your own life.

*\*The interior life is the life of the soul, the life of awareness of God and devotion to duty for the honor and glory of God.*

3. **His Love of Our Lady-** Think, thank God, and ask.

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4. **His Love of the Christ Child-** Think, thank God, and ask.

*\*St. Joseph was told that the Christ Child was the Son of God and the Savior of the world. He was mindful of his duty of protecting Him, and his faith in Christ was manifested in the trials that St. Joseph underwent.*

### **Daily Prayer to St. Joseph**

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 was 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 wilt look down with inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood, and assist us in our need by thy power and strength. Most watchful guardian of the Holy family, protect the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, most loving father, all blight of error and corruption. Mercifully assist us from heaven, most mighty defender, in this 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 on and all under thy continual protection, that we may be supported by thine example 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.



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