

**ST. ISIDORE PARISH
QUAKERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**



**PARISH NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH
MARCH 11TH – MARCH 19TH 2021
IN PREPARATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH**

Please join in the italicized portions of the following prayers

ANCIENT NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Let us pray. *Oh St. Joseph, /whose protection is so great, /so strong, /so prompt before the throne of God, /we place in you all our interests and desires. /Oh St. Joseph, /do assist us by your powerful intercession /and obtain for us from your Divine Son /all spiritual blessings /through Jesus Christ, our Lord; /so that having engaged here below /your heavenly power, /we may offer our thanksgiving and homage /to the most loving of fathers. /Oh St. Joseph, /we never weary contemplating you /and Jesus asleep in your arms. /We dare not approach /while He reposes near your heart. /Embrace Him in our name /and kiss His fine head for us, /and ask Him to return the kiss /when we draw our dying breath. /St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, /pray for us. /Amen.*

DAILY ACT OF CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Let us pray. *Oh Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, /you who were chosen by God above all men /to be the earthly head of the most holy of families, /we beseech you to accept us within the folds of your holy cloak, /that you may become the guardian and custodian of our souls.*

Today and always, /we choose you as our father, /our protector, /our counselor, and our patron; /and we beseech you to place in your custody /all that we are, /all that we possess, /and our very lives and wellbeing. Look upon us as your children; /defend us from the treachery of our enemies, /invisible or otherwise, /assist us at all times in all our necessities; /console us in the bitterness of our lives, /most especially in our final hour. Say but one word for us to the Divine Redeemer /Whom you were deemed worthy to hold in your arms, /and to the Blessed Virgin Mary, /your most chaste spouse.

Request for us those blessings /which will lead us to salvation. /Include us among those who are most dear to you, /and we shall set forth to prove ourselves worthy of your special patronage. /Amen.

**SOLEMN ACT OF CONSECRATION
TO SAINT JOSEPH
(TO BE OFFERED ON HIS FEAST DAY)**

Let us pray. *Oh dearest Saint Joseph! /Oh Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! /Oh Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God! /Oh Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! /In the presence of Jesus and Mary, /we choose you this day /to be our father, /our guardian, /and our protector.*

Oh great St. Joseph, /whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, /accept us, we beseech you, /though utterly unworthy, /to be members of your "Holy House." /Present us to your Immaculate Spouse; /ask her also to adopt us as her children. /With her, pray that we may constantly think of Jesus, /and serve Him faithfully to the end of our lives. /Oh Terror of Demons, /increase virtue in us, /protect us from the evil one, /and help us not to offend God in any way.

Oh Spiritual Father, /we hereby consecrate ourselves to you. /In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, /we place our parish, /our families, /our homes, /and all of our concerns /under your care and protection. /To you, after Jesus and Mary, /we consecrate our bodies and souls, /with all their faculties, /our spiritual growth, /and all our affairs and undertakings.

Do not forsake us, /but adopt us as servants/ and children of the Holy Family. /Watch over us at all times, /especially in our final hour. /Console and strengthen us /with the presence of Jesus and Mary /so that, with you, /we may praise and adore the Most Blessed Trinity /for all eternity. /Amen.