



## This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- Joseph, Terror of evil spirits – may he prevent them from entering our families.
- May he bless the work of the family men and help them in all difficulties.
- Let us entrust each other to his care.

The month of May is dedicated especially to the Mother of GOD and this month harmonizes with her quite well with all its wonderful, delicate blossoming, the many fine smells and we also celebrate her Mother's Day with all mothers. Let us give her these many delicate little flowers which now hold out their little heads towards the sun, during this time in a spiritual sense.

With the Blessing of st Joseph I will always be united with you and with kindest regards to every single one of you, your

*Sister Paula*



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## Lay Community of St Joseph

### The Greatness of St Joseph

We will never be able to understand his greatness but we can love and appreciate him. Never will a grateful son forget the good deeds of his father.

St Joseph was a greater help to the SAVIOUR than all the Angels together. Is it any wonder then that st Joseph can achieve the impossible?

St Joseph practised poverty and modesty to a great extent. He lived in very ordinary circumstances, unknown and unnoticed. Before GOD, however, he was a noble, rich and wonderful person!

„St Joseph, You man of few words! Why do we not hear a single word from Your lips? Were the Child JESUS and His Mother the only ones on this world to understand You? Joseph, it hurts to know that the majority of the people have not yet found You. – It is true, only in Heaven will we recognize Your greatness. I ask You nevertheless: lead me to holiness. – Grant me fervour in the pursuit of virtues. Stand by me as well in fears as in doubts.

Save me from any unloving judgement, whenever I do not understand other people's ways."

### Let Us Put Ourselves under His Protection

Let us go to st Joseph in all our needs. Let us trustfully ask for his protection. For the sake of the love which united st Joseph with his most holy Spouse, and for the sake of the fatherly love with which he embraced the Infant JESUS, we pray to him that he may help us and the Church with his power. If we trust him, he will keep away from us any infection caused by error and depravity, which, however, does not mean that we will be spared struggle. Joseph saved the Infant JESUS from the greatest danger. So he will also rush to our aid in our struggle with the powers of darkness – since he is the Terror of all evil spirits. With his help and his example he will lead us to where GOD wants us to be.

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### More Than One Surprise

The customary September collection had to be omitted that year in Kerala – report the Little Sisters of the Poor from a house of Southern India. They had recourse to st Joseph with great fervour and, with the immense confidence which all the Sisters of the Congregation share, asked him to settle matters, because the people of that state appreciate the good done for elderly people and are very generous.

Scarcely had the decision been made when our good st Joseph began to send them surprises. One of the most unexpected was a gift of 20.000 rupees (\$ 1.400) from a person unknown to the Sisters.

Sometime later a person who had never heard of their house succeeded in selling his land for a good price. While speaking to an official in Kotagir, a town distant from the Sisters, he expressed his desire to do something for the poor. The official, who had previously worked in the Sisters' town, told him that he knew of an institution where his contribution would be put to good use. The benefactor visited them without telling the reason for his coming. Much impressed by the residents and by all he saw, he handed to the Mother superior, before leaving a cheque for 10.000 rupees (\$700). When the Mother asked him what name she should write on the receipt, he answered: „someone who wishes you well.“

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