



Above his bed there was a picture of st Joseph whose features very much resembled the man's who had called for the priest. The priest did not have the slightest doubt that st Joseph had been the mediator of this great grace in favour of his protégé.

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- Let us place st Joseph at the door of all people's hearts that he may help them to ward off all impure thoughts and desires.



„As You, saint Joseph, protected Mary and JESUS, please help and guide also our families on the way of faith. As You once helped Your Spouse Mary and her divine Child, please give us Your advice and support, st Joseph, not only in spiritual matters but inevitably also in worldly matters. Thank You, Father Joseph!“

The blessing of saint Joseph accompany all of you!
With heartfelt regards,

Brother Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Holy Father Joseph

Oh nursing Father Joseph, You paragon of virtue, so pious and patient, so holy and pure. You most noble example to the old and young, grant us in life to be like You.

You joyfully endured pain and misery in order to nurture the divine Child and the Spouse. Teach us to bear the daily sufferings that we may always look up to GOD.

You painfully searched for the divine Boy and found Him in the temple full of joy! If we have lost Him through sin, help us to find Him soon by penance.

When You died Mary was at Your side, the SAVIOUR Himself stood by You full of love. Let us also earn such mighty help that our death may be just as happy as Yours.

Sermon of St Bernard of Clairvaux

Without doubt Joseph was the spouse of the SAVIOUR's Mother, a noble, distinguished and loyal man. I mean a faithful and wise servant whom the LORD appointed to comfort His Mother, to nurture His human body, to



cooperate with Him as a unique faithful servant here on this earth in realising His great plan of salvation. Moreover, Joseph is referred to as a descendant of the house of David for he was really descended from the house of David. He came from a royal family. Joseph was of noble birth, of noble character. He was a true son of David having the same character and nature as King David had, not only by birth, but also by faith, holiness and devotion. The LORD thought of him as another David, as a man after His

own heart. He could safely entrust him with the most noble and holy secret of His heart. He revealed to this second David the most secret and hidden plans of His wisdom. He revealed to him a secret that none of the great of this world were allowed to know.

Whom many kings and prophets longed to see and yet did not see, longed to hear and yet did not hear, he could not only see and hear but also carry and guide, cuddle and kiss, nurture and guard Him.

We very well know that not only Joseph but also Mary were descended from the family of David. Otherwise she would never have been betrothed to a man from the lineage of David. Both are descended from the family of David and so in Mary is fulfilled the word which the LORD had sworn to David: Joseph, however, was allowed to take part in and be a witness of the fulfilment of this promise.

Come Quick

In the middle of the night a man came to the canon of Münster without anyone knowing how he had managed to enter the house, and he roused the priest from his sleep saying: „Reverend, come with me to a sick person who is abandoned and dying. Come quick, there is no time to lose.“ The zealous priest quickly set off and followed the messenger to the sick person’s room, prepared him and administered to him the Last Sacraments. When the priest had finished the holy ceremony, the sick person said: „Reverend, I thank you that you have come. I was lying here completely abandoned and I thought that I would have to die without the holy Sacraments, when you came to me and granted me what my heart desired. There was no one whom I could have sent to go and find a priest. Tell me, Reverend, who has brought you to me?“ The priest was astonished – the messenger had disappeared; he could not tell the sick person any details. Because he was convinced that something extraordinary had taken place, he asked the sick man: „Did you do a good deed during your life by which you have deserved a special grace of GOD?“ – „I cannot remember anything particular,“ the sick person said, „only that I have daily prayed to st Joseph to grant me a happy death.“

