



And you have helped a departing soul and opened up the gates of everlasting life to her – a truly divine work! The SAVIOUR, who died for this soul, too, will reward you in your own hour of death.

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- Let us not forget to thank: „FATHER in Heaven, how wonderful is Your condescension and loving-kindness towards us human beings in the mighty intercession of St Joseph. Thank you, beloved FATHER!“



„Saint Joseph, pray for the Poor Souls for forgiveness of their guilt, especially in this month. We, too, want to forgive them. They shall no longer have to be far away from GOD.“ Let us also invoke the Guardian Angels of the Poor Souls so that their protégés may experience a special closeness to GOD and very soon may share in the heavenly banquet.

With very kind regards and the blessing of Saint Joseph, I say goodbye again,

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Lay Community of St Joseph

Journey to Bethlehem

Saint Joseph and Mary,
they go to Bethlehem;
moving slowly, without any hurry,
Mary carries a burden of worry.

Saint Joseph leads the way ahead,
lends her a hand, paves her way.
And as he warns her of thorn and stone,
he is struck, looking back, by a ray of light –

A light of such beauty, as clear as the sky:
Mary's body is an altar!

A light breaks through its walls
Saint Joseph sees it, the others do not.

He would like to kneel down in prayer
And yet he has to go on:
Because he needs to find a little church
for this holy shrine by the end of the day.

The Month of the Poor Souls

To a Christian death means an Easter passing – from dark to light – from death to life. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the redeeming sacrifice of JESUS CHRIST, which we are also allowed to offer up in favour of all the Poor Souls who are yearningly going towards eternal glory. Because not all people will attain the necessary purity and perfection in this life in order to immediately enter eternal bliss.

Their fellowship with us has not been broken off. We can help them through prayer, good works and above all by offering up the sacrifice of JESUS CHRIST on behalf of them – by joining in the sacrifice – by presenting the Precious Blood of JESUS CHRIST to the FATHER. Joseph urgently needs us to remember the Poor Souls. They cannot help themselves.

Joseph was spiritually with Mary on Golgotha when his beloved JESUS died, and, as we know, Golgotha is made present in every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Consequently, he is also present next to Mary, accepts our daily sacrifices and requests for all the deceased, puts them in the sacrificial chalice, and may, by doing so, refresh the Souls, especially this month, which is assigned to the Poor Souls. Let us not shrink back from bringing many little sacrifices and acts of renouncement for them.

St Francis of Sales

A mirror on which the sun shines directly picks up its rays in a perfectly clear way. If you put a second mirror opposite this sunlit one, it will reflect the sunbeams equally sharply, although it receives its rays only by reflection, and it is very hard to distinguish which mirror picks up the sunrays directly and which one receives them by reflection.

As a spotless mirror, Mary stood face to face with the “Sun of Justice,” whose rays in magnificent perfection poured an infinite number of virtues into her soul, virtues which were reflected so purely in St Joseph that it almost seemed as if he were as perfect as the glorious Virgin, as if his virtues were as great as hers. If the most blessed Virgin was wholly pure and immaculate and white as the snow, yes, virginity itself, how great must St Joseph have been in this virtue?

Helping a Dying Person in His Last Hour

An accident, an early death. There is no priest on the scene and no time any more to call for one. Under these circumstances it is your duty to take the place of the priest. Bow down to the dying person without reserve and fear of man. Whisper holy prayerful words of faith, of hope, of love of GOD and contrition in his ear. Inspire in him confidence in GOD’s mercy and submission to GOD’s holy will. Perhaps he does not show any sign of life any more, but he hears you nonetheless, in his heart he joins you in your prayer to him. Call on St Joseph! – He will prompt you with the right words.

