



„Blessed are you amongst all women, elect of all the creatures. Let Angels and men praise You! Let all the generations know, praise and exalt Your dignity! May in You be known, adored and exalted the Name of the Most High through all the future ages! May He be eternally praised for having created You so pleasing in His eyes and in the sight of all the blessed spirits! I hope to enjoy Your sight in the heavenly fatherland.“

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- May St Joseph lead and guide you and then will you keep a watchful eye on your innermost being. So you will no longer worry about what people say and think of you.



How we could live much more freely, especially in these hard times, if we did not uninterruptedly busy ourselves with what other people prophesy, say, and do or do not do.

I wish everyone GOD's protection and blessing for the new year, also good luck in all your endeavours!

With kind regards I say goodbye again and remain ever united with you through the blessing of Saint Joseph,

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Lay Community of St Joseph

The Blessed Passing Away of St Joseph

Illness and sufferings of the overjoyed Joseph had been going on for eight years. His noble soul had been purified more and more each day in the crucible of affliction and love of GOD. However, with increasing age and the infirmities involved, his body became weaker and weaker, his strength gradually diminished and he approached the unavoidable goal of life, in which all of the children of Adam must pay the wages of death. In like manner also increased the care and worries of Mary, his Spouse, looking after her bridegroom with tireless attention. Perceiving, in her exalted wisdom, that the day and hour for his departure was very near, she went to her divine SON and said to Him: „LORD GOD, Most High, SON of the eternal FATHER, SAVIOUR of the world! – By Your divine light I see the hour approaching which You have decreed by Your eternal will for the death of Your servant Joseph. I beseech You, by Your infinite lovingkindness and Your mercies, granted to us of old, to assist him in that hour by Your almighty power so that his death be as precious in Your eyes as his virtuous life was pleasing to You. May he depart in peace with the certain hope of the eternal

reward to be given to him for those days in which he nurtured You, SON, and me by the sweat of his brow. Be mindful, my SON, of his faithful concern for us, of his love and humility, of his exceeding great merits and virtues.”

JESUS answered: „My Mother, your requests are pleasing to Me, and the merits of Joseph are acceptable in My eyes. I will now assist him, but once I will assign him a place amongst the princes of My people, so exalted that he will be the admiration of the Angels and all men and will cause them to break forth in highest praise to GOD. With none of the human born shall I do as with your spouse.” The noble Queen gave thanks to her divine SON for this promise.

By command of the LORD, the holy Angels furnished celestial music, mixing their hymns of praise to GOD with the benedictions of the blissful sick man, St Joseph. Moreover, their humble but most precious dwelling was filled with the sweetest fragrance and odours so wonderful that they comforted not only St Joseph but invigorated all the numerous persons who happened to come near the house. One day before he died, being wholly inflamed with love towards GOD on account of these blessings, he was wrapped in an ecstasy which lasted 24 hours. The LORD Himself supplied strength and life through a miracle. In this grand ecstasy he saw clearly the wisdom of GOD, and, undisguisedly manifested therein without a veil, all that he had up until now believed by faith, namely the incomprehensible wisdom of GOD and the mystery of the Incarnation and Redemption as well as the Militant Church with all the Sacraments entrusted

to her. The Most Holy TRINITY commissioned and assigned him as the forerunner of our divine SAVIOUR to the holy Patriarchs and Prophets of limbo. He commanded him to prepare them again for their Redemption and the coming of the LORD, who would lead them to eternal happiness. All this the holy Virgin Mary saw reflected in the soul of her divine SON together with all the other mysteries, just as they had been made known to her beloved spouse, and she offered her sincerest thanks for all this to her LORD.

When Saint Joseph issued from this ecstasy, his face shone with beauty and wonderful splendour, but his soul was entirely transformed in GOD by his vision of the divine wisdom. He asked his blessed Spouse to give him her benediction, but she requested her divine Son to bless him in her stead, which He, our LORD, did. Then the great Queen, the Mistress of humility, falling on her knees, besought St Joseph, as being her husband and head of the family, to bless her for her consolation. She kissed the hand with which he had blessed her and asked him to salute the holy Fathers of limbo in her name. Saint Joseph, so great in humility, desirous to also seal the testament of his life with this same virtue, asked pardon of his heavenly Spouse for all his deficiencies, as a weak earthly human being, in her service and great respect, and begged her to grant him her assistance and intercession in this hour of his passing away.

Likewise, Joseph rendered humblest thanks to her most holy SON for all the graces of his life, especially for those received from His generous hand during his recent sickness. The last words which Joseph spoke to Mary were:

