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Joseph In the Old and New Testament

Joseph knew the Holy Scriptures. From these meditations and memories of the occasional messages of the SAVIOUR in the intimate family circle, he most likely knew about the miracles and mysteries of Redemption and about the future Kingdom of GOD.

He had been allowed to learn so much from his purest Bride Mary. Whenever little JESUS lay in his arms, He gave him many insights into the glory of GOD, into His FATHER in Heaven, into great mysteries. Outside the house, Joseph had to put up with a lot of evil, mean things, mockery, and derision. Mary always saw this in her spirit. She comforted him and asked him to always offer everything up to GOD and to bear it patiently. This would earn him many merits and please the FATHER in Heaven. Joseph always remained friendly towards these rude people or ignored them. He asked GOD to forgive them and prayed for their conversion.

In the little house in Nazareth there was peace, joy, prayer, harmony, and everyone lived completely in the will of GOD. They did their work quietly and silently, their thoughts immersed in GOD. Whenever Joseph came out of his workshop, tired and hot on hot days, the smile of his JESUS and the loving gaze of his Immaculate Mary strengthened him in such a way that he went back to work full of fresh energy.

St Joseph longed for Heaven. He also felt that his strength was dwindling. He always discussed everything with Mary, who always encouraged and comforted him. Joseph thanked JESUS for taking so much work off

his hands. He was increasingly afflicted by severe physical pain and was forced to rest in bed. His love for JESUS and His Mother grew deeper and deeper, his longing for Heaven and these pains weakened him noticeably. He sensed the last hour approaching and that he had arrived on the threshold of the new era. His condition deteriorated more and more. Mary served him constantly with compresses and refreshments until he dozed off again. Then she went back to her work, but remained very vigilantly attentive, and prayed with him. Sometimes she also left Joseph alone in his pain so that he could offer everything up and, in this way, save many souls.

Often, JESUS also went to His Foster Father and encouraged him to endure everything out of love for the Heavenly FATHER. Joseph could not be physically present at JESUS' Passion. Joseph was very devoted in everything. JESUS prayed with him at the hour of his death, which was an incomparable joy and consolation for Joseph. The SAVIOUR took His beloved Foster Father in His arms, accompanied him directly into Limbo and gave him the task of greeting the Patriarchs, Kings, Prophets ... The "hymn of faithfulness" rings out solemnly: „Come, you good and faithful servant, ... enter into the joys of Heaven!“ Therefore, Joseph is the Patron Saint of a good hour of death.

The Name of Joseph

GOD wanted to reveal the righteousness of St Joseph by explicitly recording his name in the Gospels. He wanted to make the man who was appointed Protector of Mary known to the people. He wanted to perpetuate the memory of the name of the one who was regarded as the Father of the SON of GOD.



St Gertrude had a vision of how the Angels and Saints venerated the Annunciation. Whenever the name of St Joseph was pronounced, the Saints bowed down deeply in reverence and testified by the serenity and intimacy of their gaze that they rejoiced with him in his sublime dignity.

Let us praise the name of Joseph. The glorious name also means growth, abundance. That is to say, how abundant his soul is in heavenly gifts and favours. An uninterrupted stream of grace has poured into his soul ever since Joseph became the head of the Holy Family. After Mary, he is the most perfect masterpiece of GOD.

„Saint Joseph, will You spread Your protective mantle over us all. Please obtain for us that we may all live a living faith, and cherish a firm trust and intimate love towards GOD.

Saint Joseph, obtain for us all great purity of heart, body, and spirit. – Father Joseph, I ask You to help everyone in need and danger, in

temptations and fears, especially at the hour of death. Thank You, my beloved Saint Joseph!“

Another Time

It was the beginning of February 1984, a storm roared over our land, threatening to sweep the new building with it. We feared and trembled because of the violent storm. We implored our heavenly friends, to not only see to our need, but also to the need of others, our neighbours. No major damage was done. The prayer for the many and great concerns of our neighbourhood should make our souls wide and ready to help. Let us often say a short prayer for the needs of our neighbours. “Blessed is mercy ...” How much will GOD reward all mercy! The good Father Joseph helped again and again, even if it often took a long, very long time. You have to be able to wait. Only from sacrifice flow blessings and more blessings. And if Heaven does not hear one or several of our requests, then it will surely grant something better and more valuable. (a sick priest)

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

„Father Joseph, You Protector of the Holy Family, take all our families into Your care. Help us all in the battle against the powers of darkness, defend the holy Church this very moment and have mercy on the persecuted and homeless. Thank You, Father Joseph!“

Note: As you can see, the monthly letter has been given a new design, which was created by my son Matthias, who is a graphic designer.

With the blessing of Saint Joseph and my greetings, I remain with all of you,

Sister Paula