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L A Y C O M M U N I T Y O F  
**St Joseph**



### Turning to St Joseph

„Father Joseph, what makes You unique is that You are the Guardian of the Virgin Mary, her Spouse, as chaste as she is, and yet the Nursing and Foster Father of the divine Child. – You are the marvellous Providence of GOD. You were the first, alongside Mary, to be allowed to comprehend GOD’s great, profound and extensive plan. For the sake of the love for GOD, You renounced all sensory comforts. – You, as the so humble son of David, exercised the office of protector over the Virgin Mary and her divine Child, and extended it over humanity. Therefore, we, too, may come to You every day with our cares and needs, place ourselves under Your protection, and trust in You in all our fears.

Saint Joseph, You profound, silent man, we hear no word from Your lips. The people at that time did not understand You – just as they do not today. Only the Child and His Mother looked into Your heart and understood Your words, Your suffering and sacrificing, and saw Your pure love for them. You knew about the great mystery of Your JESUS and carried everything with Mary in Your heart. In silence You worked and wept. Ceaselessly You offered up to the FATHER His SON, together with the Mother and Yourself, in Him and through Him, in the name of humanity. Faithful Joseph, we are allowed to offer You up to the FATHER in Heaven with Your love, Your pains, Your privations and sufferings, with all Your great merits and renunciations.“

Mary found great support and help in Joseph. Through the constant companionship with Mary, Joseph made wonderful

progress towards perfection, for Mary possessed all the virtues in the highest degree. Joseph continuously strove in his heart to follow Mary’s example. She herself called him “angelic”.

### „Father Joseph,

together with Mary, You were the permanent worshipper of JESUS, and are so still today. For You, adoration was living with and an ongoing merging into the SAVIOUR. From the very beginning, You and Your Immaculate Bride have made atonement for humanity.

Your life was one of inner contemplation, of sacrifice, of love, and of great peace in the heart. Your worship took place in secret, in silence, amidst the daily tasks which You also had to tend to. Within Your small Family and amongst people, You spread this inner peace. It was a power that encompassed Your whole being, Your whole life, and brought You ever closer to GOD, making You as well as Mary the greatest Saints, the greatest intercessors at GOD’s throne.

Joseph, You did not live to see the sacrificial offering [Sacrifice of the Mass] of Your divine Foster SON, yet You knew of this terrible sacrifice – of this incomprehensible mystery. Mary must have revealed all this to You; You Yourself knew it from Holy Scripture, though.

In Your holy silence, You came to know many infinite mysteries, and so You were able to spiritually imagine Yourself in them. An inner divine force took hold of Your whole being, Your life, and more and more conformed it to the life of JESUS. The help of the Mother of GOD and the power of the



HOLY SPIRIT inspired You. [And so, indeed, it is in every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for everyone who kneels into it with all their heart.] Father Joseph, in this way You are always a holy example to us. With Your admonitions and advice, You guide our hearts. Thank You, Father Joseph!"

### The Blessed Passing Away of St Joseph

The Redeemer of the world bestowed His blessing upon him and said: „My Father, rest in peace, in the grace of My Heavenly FATHER and in My grace. Bring the glad tidings to My Prophets and Saints, who are awaiting You in Limbo, that their redemption is already at hand.“

At these words of JESUS, the blissfully happy St Joseph breathed out his soul in the arms of the SAVIOUR. The SON of GOD closed his eyes. At that moment, the hosts of Angels surrounding their King and Queen began to sing the most glorious hymns of praise with their heavenly,

melodious voices. Then, at the LORD's command, they accompanied the purest soul of Joseph to the Limbo of the Patriarchs and Prophets. There, by the radiance of an incomparable fullness of grace, all acknowledged in him the Foster Father and great confidant of the Redeemer of the world, who was therefore worthy of a very special veneration. But he, in accordance with the LORD's command, brought them the glad tidings that their Redemption is near. In doing so, he aroused indescribable joy in the innumerable host of Saints.



From what has been said, it is clear that St Joseph is not without reason venerated and invoked as the Patron of the dying, due to his exceedingly blessed demise.

May we all, both for ourselves and for those who die each day, obtain Saint Joseph's great intercession:

„Saint Joseph, Foster and Nursing Father of JESUS CHRIST and virginal Spouse of the Most Holy Virgin, pray for all who will die today!“

„Saint Joseph, will You be our Father and Protector, guide and helper, so that we may all stand firm in the present struggle against the threatening forces of evil. Thank You, O wonderful Saint Joseph!“

### Our Month's Heartfelt Matters

„Father Joseph, please bless the families; will You grant them mutual love and preserve peace. – Help them in all their fears, hardships and worries. – Help them to bring up their children in a GOD-pleasing manner. Do not allow any of our loved ones to fail to find the way to Heaven. Thank You, Saint Joseph!“

Always united with the blessing of Saint Joseph,

*Brother Paula*