

Litany of Saint Joseph

Introduction

In the Litany of Saint Joseph, the Church invokes the most chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the foster father and Guardian of the Redeemer, and patron saint of the Universal Church. In May 2021, in honor of the Year of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis added seven new invocations to the litany.

The Committee on Divine Worship has slightly adapted and approved this translation (originally published in 1909), which also incorporates the new invocations and alternate introduction and conclusion indicated by the Holy See. It may be freely published, and other English translations may also be used. This litany is enriched with a partial indulgence (*Manual of Indulgences*, conc. 22).

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Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father in heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

Saint Joseph,

Illustrious son of David,

Light of Patriarchs,

Spouse of the Mother of God,

Guardian of the Redeemer,

Pure Guardian of the Virgin,

Provider for the Son of God,

Zealous defender of Christ,

Servant of Christ,

Minister of salvation,

Head of the Holy Family,

Joseph, most just,

Joseph, most chaste,

Joseph, most prudent,

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

have mercy on us.

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Joseph, most brave,
Joseph, most obedient,
Joseph, most loyal,
Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model for workers,
Glory of family life,
Guardian of virgins,
Cornerstone of families,
Support in difficulties,
Comfort of the sorrowing,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of exiles,
Patron of the afflicted,
Patron of the poor,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of the Holy Church,

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

spare us, O Lord.
hear us, O Lord.
have mercy on us.

He made him master of his house,

and ruler of all his possessions.

Let us pray.

O God, who in your inexpressible providence
were pleased to choose Saint Joseph
as spouse of your most holy Mother,
grant, we pray,
that we, who revere him as our protector on earth,
may be worthy of his heavenly intercession.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Alternate Introduction

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Or:

God the Father in heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.

Alternate Conclusion

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

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Or:

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