



**THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
ARCHDIOCESAN NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH
MARCH 19 THROUGH NOVEMBER 19, 2021**

The Archdiocesan Novena to Saint Joseph can be prayed in any setting, especially before or after Holy Mass but not as a part of the Mass, at parish meetings, in the classroom and in the family home. The praying of this Novena is to unite everyone in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the 19th of each month, from March through November 2021, in single petition of confident prayer to the Lord through the heavenly intercession of Saint Joseph. Please keep in mind the monthly Archdiocesan intention.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

[When prayed apart from Holy Mass;

Leader: We read in the Holy Gospel (Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a):

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.
Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
but before they lived together,
she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.
Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,
decided to divorce her quietly.
Such was his intention when, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.
For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.”

When Joseph awoke,
he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him
and took his wife into his home.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.]

Leader: Let us pray.

O Saint Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and Foster Father of the Divine Child, Jesus,
you were entrusted as the protective guardian
of the Holy Family in Nazareth.
Give today this same protection
to the family of the Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Intercede with Christ before the Father of us all:
For the clergy and faithful,
For married couples and single men and women,
For all those in the consecrated life,

For families and young people,
For the poor, the lonely and neglected,
For all the sick, suffering and dying.

For a deepening of our spiritual life,
For a strengthening of the moral life,
For a bolder witness to the truth of the Gospel.

For all of us, Saint Joseph, with you as our firm example,
may we remain confident in the plan of the Father for us,
with lives of faith rooted in the saving death and resurrection of his Son
and ever faithful to the demands of the Christian life
with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

All: Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Leader: Saint Joseph, patron and protector of the Universal Church.
All: Pray for us!

If circumstances permit, the Litany of Saint Joseph may be added to the Novena Prayer.

Leader: God made him master of his household.
All: And put him in charge of all that he owned.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God,
in your infinite wisdom and love
you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary,
the mother of your Son.
As we enjoy his protection on earth
may we have the help of his prayers in heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

NOVENA INTENTIONS

Let us pray in particular through the intercession of Saint Joseph

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| MARCH 19 | For the local Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
and for a greater fidelity to the demands of the Gospel on the part of all |
| APRIL 19 | For the strengthening of Christian married and family life
in the image of Christ and his Church |
| MAY 19 | For all Christian single men and women in the pursuit of holiness |
| JUNE 19 | For all priests and for more numerous vocations to the Holy Priesthood |
| JULY 19 | For all those in the Consecrated Life
and for more numerous vocations to the Consecrated Life |
| AUGUST 19 | For all those afflicted with disease, addiction and sickness of any kind |
| SEPTEMBER 19 | For all those who teach and pass on the Catholic Faith
especially to children |
| OCTOBER 19 | For an end to racial and ethnic divisions,
the protection of religious freedom
and the legal safeguarding of all human life |
| NOVEMBER 19 | For a Christian death accompanied by the celebration of the Sacraments
and for the eternal rest of all the faithful departed |