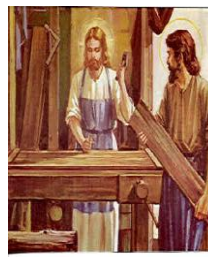
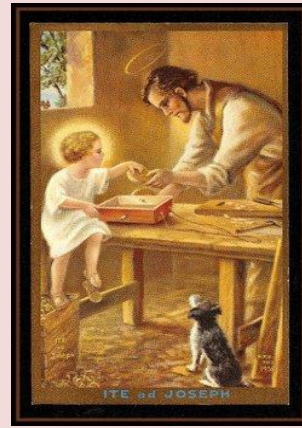


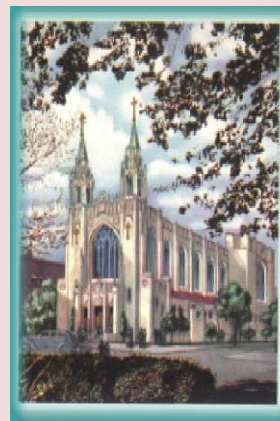
*Saint Joseph, a just man ~ honorable, fair, and faithful*

*You worshipped God in humility and you glorified God as His trusting, silent, and obedient servant. Your love for Jesus and Mary is virtuous. We thank God for your holy example as a chaste spouse, caring father, good neighbor, loyal friend, and as an honest and hardworking carpenter.*

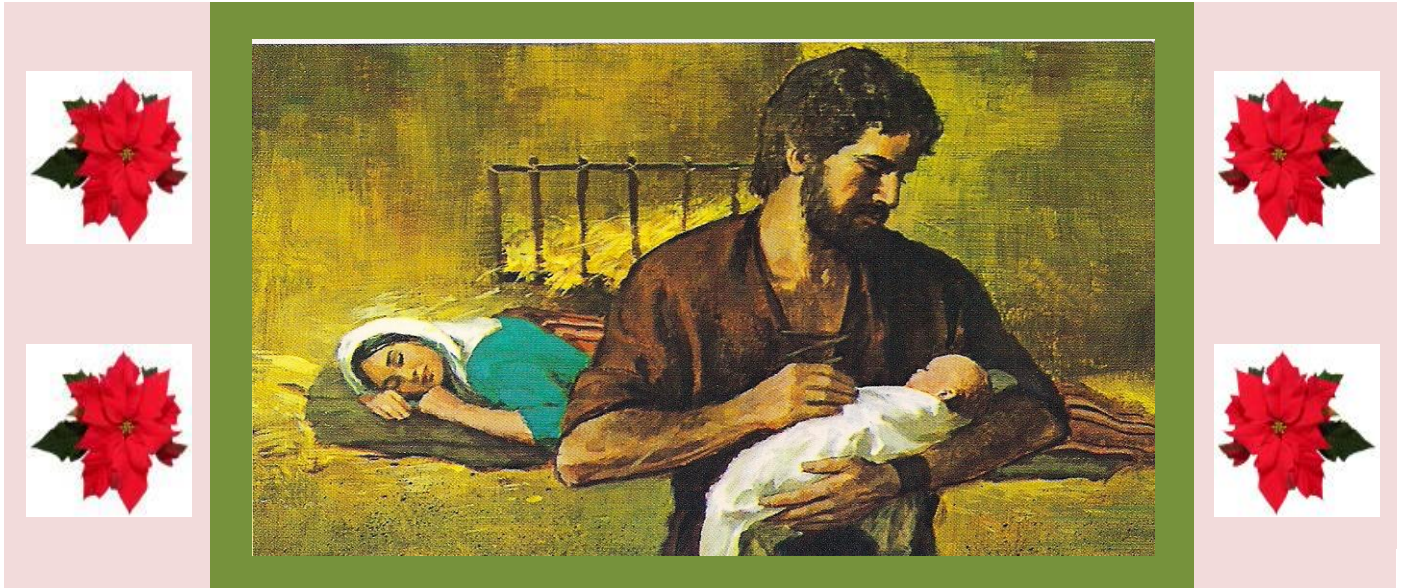


O Saint Joseph, Patron of Families, please obtain God's grace and protection for all families. Save us from the evil that surrounds us. Your protection is greatly needed today as God's enemies are trying to desecrate and destroy the family. Make our homes safe and pure, the kingdom of Jesus and Mary ~ a sanctuary of family prayer, unselfish love, sacrifice, peace, and joy in which we obey the commandments of God and of the Church. O glorious Saint Joseph, obtain for us the grace to work conscientiously with gratitude and joy, in being given opportunities to employ and develop the gifts received from God, and to work with purity of intention and detachment from self ... all for our Lord Jesus, all through Holy Mary, all after your example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Amen.

O Saint Joseph, Patron of the Church founded by Jesus. We implore your powerful aid for all the Church Militant on earth. With your paternal love, shield our Supreme Pontiff, Pope Benedict XVI. In this "Year for Priests", and hereafter, protect all our "spiritual fathers" ~ the bishops and priests who are in union with the Holy See of Peter. O Saint Joseph, model of every virtue; beseech your divine foster Son, Jesus Christ, to sanctify all our bishops, priests, and deacons. O holy Saint Joseph, pray that every Catholic priest, throughout the world, may receive all the graces necessary to be always open to God's will in his life and to lovingly, joyfully, and gratefully serve Our Eternal Father 'in persona Christi'. Amen.



## *Prayer for Eternal Life through the Intercession of Saint Joseph*



O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by thy powerful intercession and obtain for me from thy divine foster Son, Jesus Christ, all spiritual blessings. So that having experienced thy heavenly power here below, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. O St. Joseph, I never grow weary of contemplating thee and Jesus asleep in thy arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart. Hold Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls; pray for us. Amen.

*This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death, or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect of them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy; or shall be burned in any fire, or shall be overpowered in battle.*

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