

# Holy Cloak Novena in Honour of St. Joseph

*St Joseph's Holy Cloak Novena is a particular and special way to merit the patronage of this great Saint while also rendering honor to him.*

*It is to be recited on 30 consecutive days in memory of the 30 years St. Joseph spent in the company of Jesus Christ, Son of God.*

*If for some reason you cannot recite the prayer on a particular day, you may make up for it by reciting it on the 30th day as many times as the recitation was missed.*

*The extraordinary graces obtained by this prayer are innumerable. In fact, St Theresa said "if you really want to believe in it, prove it to yourself be reciting the Novena - and you will be finally convinced."*

*To be even more assisted in receiving your petition, it would be well to offer a thoughtful prayer for the Souls in Purgatory.*

*With the same solicitude that we help dry the tears of the suffering souls, so too can we hope that St. Joseph will help dry our tears in our necessities. In this way, St. Joseph's Holy Cloak will spread itself over us and will serve as a shield against all those dangers which beset us so that we may all one day, with the grace of God, reach the doors of eternal salvation.*

† In the name of the Father, † and the Son, † and the Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, illuminate us, help us, save us. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
*(thrice, to the Holy Trinity, giving thanks for having 'exalted St. Joseph to a position of such exceptional dignity.')*

## Offering

O Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, I humbly prostrate myself before Thee. I beg the Lord Jesus, thine Immaculate Spouse, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the Angels and Saints in the Heavenly Court, to join me in this devotion. I offer thee this precious cloak, while pledging my sincerest faith and devotion. I promise to do all in

my power to honour thee throughout my lifetime and to promote this devotion to others to prove my love for thee.

Help me, St. Joseph. Assist me now and throughout my lifetime, but especially at the moment of my death, as thou wert assisted by Jesus and Mary, that I may join thee one day in Heaven and there honour thee for all eternity. Amen.

O Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, prostrate before thee and thy Divine Son, Jesus, I offer thee, with heartfelt devotion, this precious treasury of prayers, being ever mindful of the numerous virtues which adorned thy sacred person. In thee, O Glorious Patriarch, was fulfilled the dream of thy precursor the Egyptian Joseph, who indeed seemed to have been sent by God to prepare the way for thy presence on this earth. In fact, not only wert thou surrounded by the shining splendour of the rays of the Divine Sun, Jesus, but thou wert splendidly reflected in the brilliant light of the mystic moon, the Blessed Virgin Mary. O Glorious Patriarch, if the example of the ancient Jacob, who personally went to congratulate his favourite son, who was exalted on the throne of Egypt, served to bring all his progeny there, should not the example of Jesus and Mary, who honoured thee with their greatest respect and trust, serve to bring me, thy devoted servant, to present thee with this precious cloak in thy honour.

Grant, O Great St. Joseph, that the Almighty God may turn a benevolent glance toward me. As the ancient Joseph did not reject his guilty and cruel brothers, but rather accepted them with love and protected and saved them from hunger and death, I beseech thee, O Glorious Patriarch, through thine intercession, grant that the Lord may never abandon me in this exiled valley of sorrows. Grant that He may always number me as one of thy devoted servants who dost live serenely under the patronage of thy Holy Cloak. Grant that I may live always within the protection of this patronage, every day of my life and particularly at that moment when I draw my dying breath. Amen.

## **Prayers**

Hail O Glorious St. Joseph, thou who art entrusted with the priceless treasures of heaven and earth and foster-father of Him Who doth nourish all the creatures of the universe. Thou art, after Mary, the Saint most worthy of our love and devotion. Thou alone, above all the Saints, wert chosen for that supreme honour of rearing, guiding, nourishing and even embracing the Messiah, Whom so many kings and prophets would have so desired to

behold. St. Joseph, save my soul and obtain for me from the Divine Mercy of God that petition for which I humbly pray. And for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, grant a great comfort from their pain. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
(3x)

O powerful St. Joseph, thou wert proclaimed the Patron of the Universal Church, therefore, I invoke thee, above all the other Saints, as the greatest protector of the afflicted, and I offer countless blessings to thy most generous heart, always ready to help in any need. To thee, O Glorious St. Joseph, come the widows, the orphans, the abandoned, the afflicted, the oppressed. There is no sorrow, heartache or anguish which thou hast not consoled. Deign, I beseech thee, to use on my behalf those gifts which God hast given thee, until I too shall be granted the answer to my petition. And thou, Holy Souls in Purgatory, pray to St. Joseph for me. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
(3x)

Countless are those who have prayed to thee before me and have received comfort and peace, graces and favours. My heart, so sad and sorrowful, cannot find rest in the midst of this trial which besets me. O Glorious St. Joseph, thou knowest all my needs even before I set them forth in prayer. Thou knowest how important this petition is for me. I prostrate myself before thee as I sigh under the heavy weight of the problem which confronts me. There is no human heart in which I can confide my sorrow; and even if I should find a compassionate creature who would be willing to assist me, still he would be unable to help me. Only thou can help me in my sorrow, St. Joseph, and I beg thee to hear my plea. Has not St. Teresa left it written in her dialogues that the world may always know “Whatever you ask of St. Joseph, you shall receive.” O St. Joseph, comforter of the afflicted, have pity on my sorrow and pity on those Poor Souls who place so much hope in their prayers to thee. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
(3x)

O Sublime Patriarch St. Joseph, because of thy perfect obedience to God, thou mayest intercede for me.

For thy holy life full of grace and merit, hear my prayer.

For thy most sweet name, help me.

For thy most holy tears, comfort me.

For thy seven sorrows, intercede for me.

For thy seven joys, console me.

From all harm of body and soul, deliver me.

From all affliction and tribulation, rescue me.

Obtain for me the one thing necessary, the grace of God.

Obtain for the departed in holy purgatory early relief from their torments. Amen.

Assist me with thy powerful intercession and seek for me, through thy power and mercy, all that is necessary for my salvation and particularly the favour of which I now stand in such great need. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.(3x)

O Glorious St. Joseph, countless are the graces and favours which thou hast obtained for afflicted souls. Illness of every nature, those who are oppressed, persecuted, betrayed, bereft of all human comfort, even those in need of their life bread — all who imploreth thy powerful intercession are comforted in their affliction. Do not permit, O dearest St. Joseph, that I alone be the only one of all who hast appealed to thee, to be denied this petition which I so earnestly beg of thee. Show thy kindness and generosity even to me, that I may cry out in thanksgiving, “Eternal glory to our Holy Patriarch St. Joseph, my great protector on earth and the defender of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.” Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.(3x)

Eternal Father, Who art in Heaven, through the merits of Jesus and Mary, I beg Thee to grant my petition. In the name of Jesus and Mary I prostrate myself before Thy Divine presence and I beseech Thee to accept my hopeful plea to persevere in my prayers that I may be numbered among the throngs of those who live under the patronage of St. Joseph. Extend Thy blessing on this precious treasury of prayers which I today offer to him as a pledge of my devotion. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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### **Supplications in honour of St. Joseph's hidden life with Jesus and Mary**

St. Joseph, pray that Jesus may come into my soul and sanctify me.

St. Joseph, pray that Jesus may come into my heart and inspire it with charity.

St. Joseph, pray that Jesus may come into my mind and enlighten it.

St. Joseph, pray that Jesus may guide my will and strengthen it.

St. Joseph, pray that Jesus may direct my thoughts and purify them.

St. Joseph, pray that Jesus may guide my desires and direct them.

St. Joseph, pray that Jesus may look upon my deeds and extend His blessings.

St. Joseph, pray that Jesus may inflame me with love for Him.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus the imitation of thine virtues.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus true humility of spirit.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus meekness of heart.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus peace of soul.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus a holy fear of the Lord.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus a desire for perfection.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus a gentleness of heart.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus a holy acceptance of suffering.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus the wisdom of faith.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus His blessing of perseverance in my good deeds.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus the strength to carry my crosses.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus a disdain for the material goods of this world.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus the grace to always walk on the narrow path towards heaven.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus the grace to avoid all occasion of sin.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus a holy desire for eternal bliss.

St. Joseph, request for me from Jesus the grace of final perseverance.

St. Joseph, do not abandon me.

St. Joseph, pray that my heart may never cease to love thee and that my lips may ever praise thee.

St. Joseph, for the love thou bore for Jesus, grant that I may learn to love Him.

St. Joseph, graciously accept me as thy devoted servant.

St. Joseph, I give myself to thee; accept my pleas and hear my prayers.

St. Joseph, do not abandon me at the hour of my death.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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### **Invocations to St. Joseph**

Remember O most chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my good protector St. Joseph, that never was it known that anyone who came to thy protection, and sought thy intercession was left unaided. Confidently I prostrate myself before thee and fervently beg for thy powerful intervention. O foster-Father of our dear Redeemer, despise not my petition, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and virginal father of Jesus, look upon me and watch over me; lead me on the path of sanctifying grace; take heed of the urgent needs which I now beg thee to envelop within the folds of thy fatherly cloak. Dismiss those obstacles and difficulties standing in the way of my prayer and grant that the happy answer to my petition may serve for the greater glory of God and my eternal salvation. As a pledge of my undying gratitude, I promise to spread the word of thy glory while offering thanks to the Lord for having so blessed thy power and might in heaven and earth. Amen.

### **Litany of St. Joseph**

Lord, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, *have mercy on us.*

Lord, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, *hear us.*

Christ, *graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*  
God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*  
Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us*

St. Joseph, *pray for us*  
Noble scion of David,  
Light of the Patriarchs,  
Spouse of the Mother of God,  
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin,  
Foster-father of the Son of God,  
Sedulous Defender of Christ,  
Head of the Holy Family,  
Joseph most just,  
Joseph most chaste,  
Joseph most prudent,  
Joseph most valiant,  
Joseph most obedient,  
Joseph most faithful,  
Mirror of patience,  
Lover of poverty,  
Model of all who labour,  
Glory of family life,  
Protector of virgins,  
Pillar of families,  
Consolation of the afflicted,  
Hope of the sick,  
Patron of the dying,  
Terror of the demons,  
Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously bear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

**V.** He made him the lord of His house.

**R.** And prince over all his possessions.

*Let us pray.*

God, Who, in Thine ineffable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the Spouse of Thy most holy Mother; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom, on earth, we venerate as our protector. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen

### **Closing Prayer of the Holy Cloak**

O Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, thou who wert chosen by God above all men to be the earthly head of the most holy of families, I beseech thee to accept me within the folds of thy holy cloak, that thou mayest become the guardian and custodian of my soul. From this moment on, I choose thee as my father, my protector, my counselor, my patron and I beseech thee to place in thy custody my body, my soul, all that I am, all that I possess, my life and my death.

Look upon me as one of thy children; defend me from the treachery of my enemies, invisible or otherwise, assist me at all times in all my necessities; console me in the bitterness of my life, and especially at the hour of my death. Say but one word for me to the Divine Redeemer Whom thou wert deemed worthy to hold in thine arms, and to the Blessed Virgin Mary, thy most chaste spouse. Request for me those blessings which will lead me to salvation. Include me amongst those who art most dear to thee and I shall set forth to prove myself worthy of thy special patronage. Amen.

Saint Joseph, chaste and pure, let me be your foster child.

Keep my body and soul pure, so that I may remain in God's grace.

Saint Joseph, foster father, virgin groom of the blessed Virgin, be my guide and counselor, help me to remain faithful to God. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed are thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy  
womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.

† In the name of the Father, † and the Son, † and the Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

*Jesus, Mary, Joseph, illuminate us, help us, save us. Amen.*

### **Prayer to St. Joseph for the Church**

To thee, O blessed Joseph, do we have recourse in our tribulation, and, having implored the help of thy most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke thy patronage also. By that charity wherewith thou wast united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly affection with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray, that thou wouldst look graciously upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ hath purchased by His Blood, and assist us in our needs by thy power and strength. Most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, protect the chosen people of Jesus Christ; keep far from us, most loving father, all blight of error and corruption: mercifully assist us from Heaven, most mighty defender, in this our conflict with the powers of darkness; and, even as of old thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from the supreme peril of His life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; keep us one and all under the continual protection, that we may be supported by thine example and thine assistance, may be enabled to lead a holy life, die a happy death and come at last to the possession of everlasting blessedness in Heaven. Amen.