



The St. Joseph Rosary Day of Prayer for Canada



FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19

We honour St. Joseph as the spouse of the Virgin Mary. He is the Patron Saint of Canada. Today, we ask for his intercession for our Country at this time in our history.

Over the centuries there have been many devotions to St. Joseph. The Rosary of St. Joseph is one of those devotional prayers seeking the intercession of this honourable man. It may seem new to us, yet, in its own way, the mysteries between each decade give us a sense of his calling, the challenges he faced and the way he protected Jesus and Mary.

Coming together for this prayer today reminds us to give thanks for St. Joseph and for his accepting the role in bringing Christ safely to adulthood so that Jesus could start his mission to bring the Good News of God's love to the world.



How to Say the Rosary of St. Joseph

Each decade begins with the “Our Father...” on the large bead. Followed by ten “Hail Joseph” prayers. Concluding with the “Glory Be to the Father” prayer.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen (Begin on the Crucifix of the Rosary)**

Leader: We beseech You, O Lord, that we may find aid in the merits of the Spouse of Your Most Holy Mother, so that what we cannot obtain by ourselves may be given us through His intercession, who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
Amen

OUR FATHER

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 ST. JOSEPH

Hail Joseph, Son of David, thou whose holiness surpasses that of Angels, blessed art thou amongst men, thou who were chosen to be the Spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary of whom was born Jesus.

Glorious St. Joseph, now reigning in heaven, protector of the Universal Church, pray for us poor sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

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

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY OF ST. JOSEPH

It is customary to meditate on the mysteries of the life of St. Joseph for each decade of small beads.



1. Betrothal of St. Joseph to the Blessed Virgin Mary “Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lied together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.”
(Mt 1:18)



2. Annunciation to St. Joseph “Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’” (Mt. 1.19-21)



3. The Birth and Naming of Jesus “All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Look, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us,’ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus”
(Mt 1:22-25)



4. The Escape to Egypt

“Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my Son.’” (Mt 2.13-15)



5. Hidden Life at Nazareth

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His Mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favour.” (Lk 2.51-52)

LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH

Leader

All:

Lord have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
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 Spirit,
have mercy on us
Holy Trinity, One God,
have mercy on us
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Saint Joseph
Illustrious Son of David
Light of Patriarchs

Lord, have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy
Christ, hear us
Christ graciously hear us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us
pray for us
pray for us
pray for us
pray for us

Spouse of the Mother of God	pray for us
Chaste guardian of the Virgin	pray for us
Foster-father of the Son of God	pray for us
Watchful defender of Christ	pray for us
Head of the Holy Family	pray for us
Joseph most just	pray for us
Joseph most chaste	pray for us
Joseph most prudent	pray for us
Joseph most valiant	pray for us
Joseph most obedient	pray for us
Joseph most faithful	pray for us
Mirror of patience	pray for us
Lover of patience	pray for us
Lover of poverty	pray for us
Model of workmen	pray for us
Example to parents	pray for us
Guardian of virgins	pray for us
Pillar of families	pray for us
Solace of the afflicted	pray for us
Hope of the sick	pray for us
Patron of the dying	pray for us
Terror of demons	pray for us
Protector of the Church	pray for us
Patron Saint of Canada	pray for us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us	have mercy on us
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Leader: He made him Lord over this house

All: And the ruler of all his possessions

Leader: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ by your ineffable providence, You chose St. Joseph, to be the spouse of your most Holy Mother. Grant we beseech you, that we may have him for an intercessor in heaven. As we venerate him as our protector on earth. You, who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen**

Angelus of St. Joseph (prayed at Noon)

Leader: The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

All: *Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary, your wife, into your home."*

Leader: For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

All: *And she shall bring forth a son."*

Leader: And you shall call his name Jesus."

All: *Because He is the one who is to save his people from their sins."*

Leader: Pray for us, O virgin father of Jesus.

All: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Leader: Let us pray.

All: *Pour forth we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Saint Joseph, Patron of Our Land

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1. Saint Jo - seph, Pa - tron of our land,
2. Now bless this land, our Ca - na - da,
3. Saint Jo - seph, guide our pil - grim way



1. Who with great faith did trust God's plan;
2. That for God's gifts we stand in awe:
3. To fol - low Christ through - out each day;



1. Our hearts in - flame with bur - ning love
2. A land that hopes for joy and peace,
3. To ev - ery fami - ly grant your aid,



1. To serve as you our God a - bove.
2. Where care for all shall ne - ver cease.
3. That faith in Je - sus Christ not fade!



1. Saint Jo - seph, through your prayers im - part
2. Saint Jo - seph, grant from sea to sea
3. And at the end, be - stow this grace.



1. A stead - fast faith and lov - ing heart.
2. Firm hands to serve with cha - ri - ty.
3. That by your pray'rs we see God's face.