

**PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH,  
Guardian of the Holy Family**

*- prescribed by Pope Leo XIII, for the month of October; after the recitation of the Rosary.*

*Also encouraged to be prayed during the month of March following the Rosary.*

(see encyclical, [Quamquam Pluries](#) “On Devotion to St. Joseph”

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**To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation,**

and having implored the help of your most holy spouse,  
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate  
Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with  
which you embraced the Child Jesus,  
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance  
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,  
and with your power and strength  
to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family,  
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us  
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector,  
be propitious to us and from heaven assist us  
in our struggle with the power of darkness;  
and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus  
from deadly peril, so now protect God’s Holy Church  
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;  
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,  
so that, supported by your example and your aid,  
we may be able to live piously, to die a holy death,  
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

[from the The Roman Missal \(1962\)](#)