

# Novena to St. Joseph

March 11 ~ 19, 2025

Dear Friend of Carmel,

We invite you to join with us once again in prayer to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, in our novena from March 11th to the 19th. His joy was to belong to God and to keep His Word as manifested in his unique vocation to care for God's only Son during His first years of life. He carried out his vocation with deep faith and courage, lovingly providing for Jesus and Mary, creating a family atmosphere of goodness and trust in God.

As Pope Leo XIII expressed in his encyclical on Devotion to St. Joseph:

“Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents. From this two-fold dignity flowed the obligation which nature lays upon the head of families, so that Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was. And during the whole course of his life he fulfilled those charges and those duties.”

Today his example speaks to us of how possible it is for us, too, to live our vocation, whatever it may be, in loving fidelity to the Word of God and in hope that looks forward to the fulfillment of God's promises as given to us in the scriptures and the teachings of the Church. St. Joseph knew the faithfulness of the Lord God and His eternal love for His people, and trusted in Him with his whole heart throughout his life.

In this Lenten Season and this Jubilee Year 2025, we ask St. Joseph to bless you and your families, and obtain many special graces for you in living your faith each day. In your kindness, we ask your help to continue to pay our monthly expenses and provide for our community. We are so thankful for your support, which makes possible our way of life in the Church. Please be assured of our remembrance for you and your families in our daily Mass, Divine Office and personal prayers.

Your grateful and devoted Carmelite Nuns,

*Mother Teresa Agnes  
and the Nuns*

## Novena Prayer ~ to St. Joseph ~

Be mindful of us, O blessed Joseph, and intercede for us with your foster Son by the pleading of your prayer. Do you, in like manner, render the blessed Virgin Mary, your Spouse, gracious unto us, for she is the Mother of Him, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us.