

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ have Mercy upon us
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O Christ, hear us *O Christ, graciously hear us*

God the Father, maker of heaven and earth
Have mercy upon us

God the Word made flesh, dwelling in the home at
Nazareth *Have mercy upon us*

God the Holy Spirit, teaching us to fulfill God's
purposes *Have mercy upon us*

O Christ, hear us *O Christ, graciously hear us*

Word of God, and the eternal wisdom of God,
humbling yourself to be born and live among us,
Glory to you

Poor, and in a manger, yet hated and feared by Herod,
though all things were made by you, in humility
were dependent on Joseph and Mary, *Glory to you*

Ancient of Days, Alpha and Omega, still you knew the
long years of growth and learning; Lord Jesus, teach us
by the example of Joseph to act in justice tempered by
kindness, to be obedient to your call, and to work for
the well-being of those committed to our care; make
us faithful in the word you give us to do.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *Pray for us*
Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary and guardian of the
Incarnate Word, *Pray for us*

Joseph, who when troubled in mind still intended to
act kindly to Mary, *Be our example*

Joseph, willing to hear the angel's message,
Be our example

Joseph, taking Mary into your heart and under your
protection, *Be our example*

Joseph, providing for her as best you could,
Be our example

Joseph, presenting Jesus at the temple with Mary his
mother, *Be our example*

Joseph, taking Mary and the child away from danger
and into exile, *Be our example*

Joseph, leading them home to Nazareth,
Be our example

Joseph, teaching Jesus to work and to pray,
Be our example

Joseph, taking the child up to the temple at Passover,
Be our example

Joseph, enduring fear and anxiety while searching for
the lost child, *Be our example*

Joseph, rejoicing to find him even if you did not
understand his words, *Be our example*

Joseph, by whose care and fatherly work, Jesus grew in
wisdom, in years, and in favor with all,
Be our example

Joseph, at work in the carpenter shop,
Inspire us to work for the common good

Joseph, receiving God's call and obeying it,
Teach us to listen and to respond

Joseph, in Bethlehem's stable and exile in Egypt,
Open our hearts to the stranger and sojourner

Joseph, whom Jesus called Father and in whose care he
grew to adulthood,
Bless our families and sanctify our households

Joseph, completing your life's work and dying with
Mary and Jesus at your side,
Pray for us now and at the hour of our death

Pray for us, O Holy Joseph,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

O GOD, IN YOUR INEFFABLE PROVIDENCE you called
Joseph to be the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and the guardian of Jesus in the weakness of infancy
and childhood: grant that we, who venerate his
faithfulness, may follow the pattern of his life here and
rejoice to have him as an intercessor in heaven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.