



VATICAN - In Solemnitate Sancti Joseph «Protector Sanctae Ecclesiae», Eum deprecemur pro Beatissimo Papa Nostro Benedicto XVI, olim Cardinalis Josephus Ratzinger

Vatican City (Fides Service) - On the occasion of the Feast of St Joseph chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron Saint of the Universal Church on 19 March, Fides suggests the recitation of this prayer to St Joseph composed by Pope Leo XIII, (pontificate 1878 to 1903) asking St Joseph to intercede for the intentions of present Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, Joseph Ratzinger.

AD TE BEÁTE JOSEPH (A Leone XIII scripta)

Ad te beáte Joseph, in tribulatióne nostra confúgimus, atque, imploráto Sponsæ tuæ sanctíssimæ auxílio, patrocínium quoque tuum fidenter expóscimus. Per eam, quæsumus, quæ te cum immaculáta Vírgine Dei Genitríce coniúnxit, caritátem, perque patrérnum, quo Púerum Iesum ampléxus es, amórem, súpplícēs deprecámur, ut ad hereditátem, quam Iesus Christus acquisívit Sánguine suo, benígnus respícias, ac necessitátibus nostris tua virtúte et ope succúrras. Tuére, o Custos providentíssime divínæ Familiæ, Iesu Christi sóbolem eléctam; próhibe a nobis, amantíssime Pater, omnem errórum ac corruptelárum luem; propítius nobis, sospítator noster fortíssime, in hoc cum potestáte tenebrárum certámine e cælo adésto; et sicut olim Púerum Iesum e summo eripuísti vitre discrímine, ita nunc Ecclesiam sanctam Dei ab hostílibus insídiis atque ab omni adversitaté défende: nosque síngulos perpétuo tege patrocínio, ut ad tui exémpar et ope tua suffúlti, sancte vívere, pie émori, sempiternámque in cælis beatitúdinem ássequi possímus. Amen

To thee, O blessed Joseph, do we have recourse in our tribulation, and, having implored the help of thy thrice-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 thy continual protection, that we may be supported by thy example and 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.

(J.M.) (Agenzia Fides 16/3/2007, righe 30, parole 379)

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see prayer to St Joseph in various languages including Arabic, Esperanto, Wolof (Senegal), Magyar (Hungary):

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