

FAVORITE NOVENAS TO THE SAINTS

Arranged for Private Prayer
on the Feasts of the Saints



With a Short Helpful Meditation
Before Each Novena

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SAINT JOSEPH

(March 19; May 1)

Patron of the Universal Church

MEDITATION

SAINTE Joseph is venerated as the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the legal father of Jesus, and the head of the Holy Family. He was Mary's support and protector, a witness to her virginity, a consoler in her difficult vocation.

God comforted Joseph in a prophetic dream. He revealed to him in some measure the mystery of the Incarnation, the adorable Name of Jesus and His mission on earth. He removed every doubt from Joseph's mind and encouraged him to take to himself Mary for his wife. He freed him from worry and rewarded him with honors.

Joseph's sanctity was great to render him worthy of such a vocation. His holiness is measured by his

life. He is not only a powerful and great Saint in the Kingdom of God but a benefactor of the whole of Christendom and mankind. His rank in the Kingdom of God, surpassing far in dignity and honor all the Angels and Saints, deserves our very special veneration, love, and gratitude.

THE WORD OF GOD

“Joseph, [Mary’s] husband . . . was a just man.”

—Mt 1:19

“He holds victory in store for the upright, he is the shield of those who walk blamelessly, for he guards the paths of the just, and protects the way of the pious ones.”

—Prv 2:7-8

“ ‘Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife. . . . She will have a Son and you are to name Him Jesus because He will save His people from their sins.’ . . . When Joseph awoke he did as the Angel of the Lord had commanded him.”

—Mt 1:20-21, 24

“[Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He was obedient to [Mary and Joseph].”

—Lk 2:51

NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena Prayer

SAINTE Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. I have special confidence in you. You are powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants.

I humbly invoke you and commend myself with all who are dear to me, to your interces-



—OCTOBER—

SAINT THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

(October 1)

Patroness of the Missions

MEDITATION

THERESA was born January 2, 1873, in Alençon, France. Her parents had nine children. Of these, four died in their infancy and five entered the cloister. The father and mother were worthy examples of true Christian parents. Every morning they assisted at Holy Mass; together they received Holy Communion.

To be a spouse of Christ had been Theresa's ardent desire since the early age of three. When she was nine and again when ten years old, she begged to be

her case had assumed a very painful character. A moment before she died the patient sufferer once more made an act of perfect resignation, and with a loving glance at her crucifix, said, "Oh, I love Him! My God, I love You!" She was twenty-four years old when she died.

Saint Theresa as canonized only twenty-eight years after her death. She was declared patroness of the Foreign Missions. She was canonized by her devoted client, Pope Pius XI. The Pontiff said: "That light enkindled a love by which she lived and of which she died, having given nothing to God but love alone and having resolved to save a multitude of souls that they might love God for eternity. Her shower of mystical roses is proof that she has begun her work, and it is our most keen desire that all the faithful should study Saint Theresa so as to copy her example.

Her feast is celebrated on October 1.

THE WORD OF GOD

"Do not rejoice that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are inscribed in heaven."

—Lk 10:20

"Unless you change and become like little children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven."

—Mt 18:3

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

—Mt 5:5

NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena Prayer

SAIN'T Theresa of the Child Jesus, during your short life on earth you became a mirror