



Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, Protector of Carmel

O glorious St. Joseph, faithful Guardian of Jesus and Mary, chosen by our Seraphic Mother St. Teresa as Patron and Protector of the Order of Carmel, I beseech you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Who vouchsafed to love and obey you as a son, to become a father to me, and to obtain for me the filial respect, confidence, and love of a child towards you.

O powerful Advocate of all Christians! Whose intercession, as our Holy Mother St. Teresa assures us, *has never been found to fail*, deign to intercede for me now, and to obtain the particular intention of this novena [specify your petition]. I ask it of you, most dear father, by the love you have for Jesus and Mary. I implore you to enkindle in my heart, and in all hearts, a more fervent love of Jesus, and a more tender devotion to your Virgin Spouse, the Immaculate Mother of God and Queen of Carmel. Into your hands I remit my soul and body, but particularly the last moment of my life that, having honored and imitated you on earth, I may eternally sing with you the mercies of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me, from your Divine Son, all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departed souls, pray for me. Amen.