

# Prayer to St. Joseph

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O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong so prompt 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 Departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

(This prayer was said to be found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In the 1500's it was sent by the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle.)

