

The Joyful Mysteries – May 2021

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. *(Matthew 18:19-20)*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *(Philippians 4:6-7)*

Tonight we pray:

(Special prayer requests mentioned)

- For our children, grandchildren, and all family members; *(pause to mention out loud, if you choose to)*
- For those dealing with health issues: physical, mental or spiritual;
- For our leaders as they seek to help manage the challenges we face;
- For all the special intentions we hold in our hearts.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son....

The Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy, catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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1st Joyful Mystery – The Annunciation

God chooses the Virgin Mary of Nazareth, betrothed to Joseph of the house of David, for the miracle of His coming in human flesh. Mary's humble heart is filled with wonder at the appearance of the angel Gabriel choosing her for the greatest of all human missions.

One Our Father.... Ten Hail Marys One Glory Be

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy.

2nd Joyful Mystery – The Visitation

Mary encounters her cousin Elizabeth, who has miraculously conceived a child in her old age. The baby leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb at the encounter with baby Jesus in Mary's womb. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth recognizes the tiny unborn Jesus as her Lord.

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3rd Joyful Mystery – The Birth of Our Lord

The Son of God is born in the poverty of a stable in the town of David, received by the love of the humble Mary and Joseph, and adored by poor shepherds.

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4th Joyful Mystery – The Presentation in the Temple

As Mary and Joseph fulfill all the prescriptions of the Law of the Lord in offering the pure child in the temple, they rejoice at Simeon's prophecy of light for the nations and they grieve at the thought of the sword of rejection.

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5th Joyful Mystery – The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

At the age of twelve, Jesus stays behind in the temple, amazing the teachers by his understanding. Mary and Joseph, first are anguished at his being lost for three days, stand in amazement as he manifests divine wisdom while conversing with religious teachers, and then are confronted with the mystery of Jesus' reference to the temple as his "Father's house."

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HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary,

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

O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

We pray for the grace to take on the new things that God is giving us, to take on with new hearts the way that God is calling us to be in the world, to be open to the new things that God is doing so that we might be good and true disciples of Christ.

Ever present God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray for an end to the pandemic, social injustice and unrest, and we pray for the grace to be aware of Your presence as You walk with us through the chaos of our world. Please free us from fear, give us patience and hope, and bring harmony, peace and wellness to our world.

Pope Francis' prayer to St. Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.



Additional prayers to St. Joseph:

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church, beginning Dec. 8, 2020, concluding Dec. 8, 2021. Pope Francis said he was establishing the year so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. "Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote. He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers."

Prayer to St. Joseph after the Rosary--USCCB

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend us and our brothers and sisters in Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, One God,

*Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,
St. Joseph,

*pray for us.
pray for us.*

Renowned offspring of David,

pray for us.

Light of Patriarchs,

pray for us.

Spouse of the Mother of God,

pray for us.

Chaste guardian of the Virgin,

pray for us.

Foster father of the Son of God,

pray for us.

Diligent protector of Christ,

pray for us.

Head of the Holy Family,

pray for us.

Joseph most just,

pray for us.

Joseph most chaste,

pray for us.

Joseph most prudent,

pray for us.

Joseph most strong,

pray for us.

Joseph most obedient,

pray for us.

Joseph most faithful,

pray for us.

Mirror of patience,

pray for us.

Lover of poverty,

pray for us.

Model of artisans,

pray for us.

Glory of home life,

pray for us.

Guardian of virgins,

pray for us.

Pillar of families,

pray for us.

Solace of the wretched,

pray for us.

Hope of the sick,

pray for us.

Patron of the dying,

pray for us.

Terror of demons,

pray for us.

Protector of Holy Church,

pray for us.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,

spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,

graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world.

And prince over all his possessions.

He made him the lord of his household.



Let us pray, — O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.