CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

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Start of 33 Day Preparation (Individual): March 30, 2023

End: May 1, 2023 - Consecration Day

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| 5 | 4/3 | Page 21 | Page 153 | Litany (p. 233 -235)/Pope Leo XIII p. 241 |
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| 23 | 4/21 | Page 57 | Page 171 | Litany (p. 233 -235)/Prayer for Happy Death (see below) |
| 24 | 4/22 | Page 59 | Page 217 | Litany (p. 233 -235)/For Our Work (see below) |
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(INDIVIDUAL PREPARATION AND ACT OF CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH)

- home, in a Church and preferably in front of an image of Saint Joseph.

 You can also do your act of consecration, after Mass and in front of an image of Saint Joseph (if you would prefer).

33 DAY PREPARATION AND CONSECRATION AS A GROUP

Appendix A (Page 249)

Guidelines for Group Preparation and Communal Consecration

- A group needs a leader to organize the meetings and discussions.
- There will only be Six (6) Group Meetings (not daily).
- For communal consecration, the Group will decide the Act of Consecration Prayer to Saint Joseph and if done in a Church must be recited before the tabernacle or in front of the image or statue of Saint Joseph.
- If the communal consecration is done outside the Church, the Act of Consecration must be recited in front of the image or statue of Saint Joseph

First Group Meeting – Introduction and Day 1 – Mar 30, 2023

Second Group Meeting – (Days 2 – 8) – April 6, 2023

Third Group Meeting - (Days 9 -15) - April 13, 2023

Fourth Group Meeting – (Days 16 – 22) – *April 20, 2023*

Fifth Group Meeting – (Days 23 – 29) – *April 27, 2023*

Sixth Group Meeting and Consecration Day – (Days 30 – 33) – May 1, 2023

AFTER CONSECRATION (Page 263) – Read

ADITIONAL RECOMMENDED PRAYERS TO SAINT JOSEPH

ANCIENT PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest 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 of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close 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.

PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH

O Blessed Joseph, who yielded up thy last breath in the arms of Jesus and Mary, obtain for me this grace, O holy Joseph, that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul." Amen.

O Glorious St. Joseph, I choose you today for my special patron in life and at the hour of my death. Preserve and increase in me the spirit of prayer and fervor in the service of God. Remove far from me every kind of sin; obtain for me that my death may not come upon me unawares, but that I may have time to confess my sins sacramentally and to bewail them with a most perfect understanding and a most sincere and perfect contrition, in order that I may breathe forth my soul into the hands of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

Prayer for Our Work

O Glorious Saint Joseph! Model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above all inclinations, to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God, to work in order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials to work above all with purity, intention and with detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I must give of time lost, talents unused, food omitted and vain complacency in success so fatal to the work of God.

PRAYER FOR THE AGONIZING

O St. JOSEPH, protector of those in agony, take pity on those who at this very moment when I pray to thee are engaged in their last combat. O blessed Joseph, take pity on my soul too when the

hour of the final battle shall arrive for me. Then, O my holy patron, do not abandon me, but grant me thine assistance; show that thou art my good father, and obtain that my Divine Savior may receive me with mercy into that abode where the elect enjoys a life that shall never end. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR SALVATION

O my beloved Saint Joseph! Adopt me as thy child, take charge of my salvation, watch over me day and night, preserve me from occasions of sin, obtain for me purity of body and soul and the spirit of prayer though thy intercession with Jesus. Grant me with a spirit of sacrifice of humility and self-denial. Obtain for me a burning love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and a sweet tender love for Mary, my Mother. Saint Joseph be with me in life, be with me in death and obtain for me a favorable judgment from Jesus, my Merciful Savior. Amen.

PROTECTOR OF HOMES

St. Joseph, protect our home. Pour forth from heaven blessings on our family. Remain in our midst. Help us to live in love and harmony, in peace and joy. May the wholesome fear of God strengthen us that virtue may adorn what we do and our way may lead to heaven. To you this day I give the key to our dwelling place. Lock out all things that could do us harm. Lock my home and my loved ones with me in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. This I beg of you, that our days may be like your days in the holy home at Nazareth. Amen.

GREAT ST. JOSEPH

Great St. Joseph, son of David, Spouse of Mary undefiled; Guardian of the Holy Family, Father of the Holy Child. God presented thee with blessings, Glorified thy life obscure; Made thee guardian of all virgins, Consolation of the poor. Ornament of life domestic, Model for the toiler's day; Hope of all the sick and weary, In the hour of death our stay. Great protector universal of the Church, we thee acclaim. Hear our prayers, O great St. Joseph, When we call upon thy name. Clasped in Jesus' arms and Mary's, When death gently came at last, Thy pure spirit sweetly sighing, From its earthly dwelling passed. Great St. Joseph, by thy passing, May our death be like to thine. And with Jesus, Mary, Joseph, May our souls forever shine.