

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

St. Joseph, please hear my prayer. You are my glorious protector, and shall ever be, after Jesus and Mary, the object of my deepest veneration and most tender trust. You are the most hidden, though the greatest saint, and are the special patron of those who serve God with great purity and fervor. In union with all those who have ever been devoted to you, I now dedicate myself to your service, begging you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who condescended to love and obey you as a son, to become a father to me and to obtain for me filial respect, confidence and a child's love for you. O powerful intercessor for all Christians, whose mediation, as St. Teresa assures us, has never been found to fail, please intercede for me now, and obtain for me the particular intention of this novena.

That each man whom God has called to be a husband and a father might live a godly life dedicated first to holiness and then to the protection and well-being of his family.

Present me, O great saint, to the Holy Trinity, with whom you have such intimate communication. Obtain that I may never marry by sin the sacred image in whose likeness I was created. Beg for me that my divine Redeemer may enkindle in my heart and in all hearts the fire of his love and infuse therein the virtues of his infancy: his purity, simplicity, obedience and humility. Obtain for me also a fervent devotion to your virgin spouse, and protect me so powerfully in life and death that I may have the happiness of dying, as you did, in the friendship of my Creator, and under the immediate protection of the Mother of God.

-Amen.

TIME FRAME FOR NOVENA:

This novena provides a wonderful resource to pray for husbands and fathers through out the year. However, Father's Day (June) or the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) are particularly meaningful times to promote this novena.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Another powerful prayer effort for husbands and fathers is to attend Mass on the following feast days (which always fall on the second weekend in June) for the intentions listed.

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

That God may bless all husbands and give them divine assistance in being faithful to their vocation.



Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

That God may bless all Bishops and priests, our spiritual fathers, and grant them a holy priesthood.



Father's Day

That God may bless all fathers and help them to educate, protect and provide for their children.

St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers

At the end of 1994, the International Year of the Family, on the Feast of the Holy Family, St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers (SJCK) was founded to encourage and to equip fathers for service within their families. St. Joseph, the world's greatest father is used as the role model for restoring Christian fatherhood.

SJCK wants to give men the tools they need to be godly husbands and fathers. The example of St. Joseph is offered as a tangible model for earthly fatherhood. All men should look to the man God chose to lead the Holy Family.

St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers is an informal international network of Christian men, under the patronage of St. Joseph, dedicated to strengthening the family.

"The heart of St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers is to get fathers in touch with God the Father. The love of God the Father funneled through fathers is capable of creating a worldwide civilization of love."

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A prayer

for godly husbands and fathers