



## An Entrustment of Our Family to St Joseph

**S**t Joseph, most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary and nurturer of the Child Jesus, we come before you today to place our marriage, our children and our family life under your powerful protection and care.

St Joseph, assist us to recognise the dignity and divine calling that is the vocation of spouses and parents. Obtain for us the graces we need to faithfully live out our vows of Holy Matrimony. Teach us to love each other with a sincere gift of self, in mutual fidelity and until death do us part!

St Joseph, loving husband and exemplary father, teach us to love those whom God has entrusted to our care: our children, our parents, our brothers and sisters. Following your own holy example, may we seek to serve each other with joy and with constancy of heart.

St Joseph, teach us to foster and to give witness to the beauty, dignity and uniqueness of every human person from the moment of conception to their last moment on this earth. May the Culture of Life be ever lived and actively encouraged in our own family home!

St Joseph, you held the Son of God in your arms and drew him close to your most chaste heart. Following your example, teach us to love with reverence and sincerity the God and giver of life. Obtain for us the grace to know that we are beloved children of the Father, to live a life imbued with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to see and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ in the members of our own family and in the weakest and most vulnerable in society.

St Joseph, you are the head of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Protector of the Universal Church. Today we entrust ourselves most especially to your powerful patronage. Just as the Heavenly Father chose to entrust the beginnings of our redemption to your humble and loving care, we pray that you intercede for all members of our family here before you this day and for those who are away at this time. Take us under your paternal cloak and lead us ever closer to Jesus!

Assist us, dear St Joseph, to faithfully cooperate with the Holy Will of God in our lives so that we join you and your most Immaculate Spouse, our Queen and Mother, in praise and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity forever in the eternal abode of heaven. Amen.

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Signed on this day  
in the Year of St Joseph 2021