

## **Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

#### **Celebrant:**

With faith in God's promises, we present our needs to our heavenly Father.

1. St. Joseph faithfully kept watch over his family; may those in positions of leadership in the Church treasure Christ's teachings and sacraments with the faithful love and zeal of St. Joseph. **Lord, hear us.**
  
2. As St. Joseph provided for the needs of his family, we pray that you guide and direct those responsible for creating employment opportunities and assistance for families who struggle on little income. **Lord, hear us.**
  
3. Joseph faithfully listened and courageously responded to the warning of the angel. We pray that all human life will be cherished and kept safe from violence, persecution, and exploitation. **Lord, hear us.**
  
4. We pray for parents anxious about their children; calm their fears, and may they trust the gentle voice of God in discerning what is right for their children. **Lord, hear us.**
  
5. That those facing an uncertain future may look to God in their trials and difficulties with the trust, hope and obedience of St. Joseph. **Lord, hear us.**
  
6. For couples trying to conceive: fulfil their deepest longing for the gift of a precious life to love. Deepen their trust and faith and protect them in your merciful love. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For couples preparing for marriage and all married couples:  
strengthen them in their mutual love for one another and may they know the steadfast love of God, the fount of life and holiness. **Lord, hear us.**
  
8. We pray that the dying and faithful departed may enter the light and peace of Christ's presence in the company of St. Joseph and all the saints. **Lord, hear us.**

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Heavenly Father, we entrust our prayers to your fatherly care through Christ, your Only-begotten son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**