

I would like you to place the following petitions on Saint Joseph's Altar during the Novena:

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

My petitions are:

Please burn a large Novena Candle as a prayer for my intentions during the Novena, March 11th - 19th (\$4.00 donation per candle)

Please send me a Saint Joseph 3rd class relic medal.

Please send me a pocket prayer card holder of Saint Joseph with prayer.

I am interested in learning more of Saint Joseph. Send me the 46 page book Devotion to St. Joseph, by the Daughters of St. Paul. I have enclosed an additional \$3.00 to cover the cost of the booklet and shipping.

(check all boxes which apply)

"Now the generation of Christ was in this wise. 'When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child, of the Holy Ghost.'" (Mt 1:18)

"Whereupon Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing publicly to expose her, was minded to put her away privately." (Mt 1:19)

"But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost." (Mt 1:20)

The Almighty Father chose Joseph to be foster father to Jesus. Joseph was a hard working humble man, who strove to teach his son to care for his fellow man. No spoken word of Joseph is recorded in the Scriptures. Yet he is among the most honored saints. 'When in trouble go to St. Joseph'. For not only is he the foster father of Jesus, but in truth, he is the foster father of us all.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron of the Church

O glorious St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the chaste spouse of Mary ever Virgin, and the head of the Holy Family. You were then appointed by the Vicar of Christ to be the heavenly patron and defender of the Church founded by Jesus. Most confidently I ask your powerful help for the pilgrim Church. Shield especially with your fatherly love, the Holy Father and all the bishops and priests in union with the See of Peter. Defend all who labor for the Gospel amid the trials and tribulations of this life. May all the peoples of the earth find a spiritual home in that church which is the ark of salvation for all.

St. Joseph, please also accept this dedication which I myself now make to you. I dedicate myself wholly to you, that you may ever be my father, my patron and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent devotion to the interior life. Grant that, following your example. I may direct all my actions to the greater glory of God, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and your own heart. Finally, pray for me that I may partake in the peace and joy which were yours at the hour of your holy death.

Amen.



Saint Joseph Grotto

Novena in Honor of Saint Joseph

March 11 - March 19

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Confessor and Patron
of the Universal Church

St. Joseph's feast has been kept on March 19 since the end of the 15th Century. In 1621, Pope Gregory XV extended it to the whole Church and in 1870, Pope Pious IX proclaimed St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church.

The Franciscan Brothers,
who are charged with the care of the
Black Madonna Shrine and Grottos,
invite you to join with us and the Shrine staff in
offering prayers to Saint Joseph!

NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

(begin each day with the following)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I beg of Thee, my God, make haste to assist
me. Oh Holy Father, creator of all seen and unseen,
help your children as we call upon You to protect,
guide and strengthen all of us, so we may do your
will.

Father, we honor You through Your saints.
Today we call upon Saint Joseph to ask his help in
our daily lives.

Lord, You promised those who ask, would
receive, those who seek, would find, those who
knock, would have doors opened. That faith would
move mountains.

Hear the prayers of your humble children,
grant our petitions and pardon our sins. Amen.

Dear Saint Joseph, foster father, assist us
in our pleas, help us to obtain what cannot by our
own merits. Listen to our prayers and intercede in
our behalf (mention petitions silently).

DAY 1 Heavenly Father, You called upon Joseph to
raise Your Son. Please allow the nurturing
spirit of Saint Joseph to guide us, as he did
Our Savior Jesus Christ, to Your all powerful
love.

DAY 2 Saint Joseph, foster father, your life as
husband, father, care-giver, serves as an
inspiration to us all. Help us to emulate
your life and follow the teachings of Jesus
Christ.

DAY 3 Lord Jesus Christ, Your gospel is the Living
Word. "Come to me" You call. Let us

answer Your summons, just as Joseph
answered the 'call' from your Father and
dedicate our lives to You.

DAY 4 Divine Child Jesus, at Your birth the world
rejoiced. Joseph embraced Your life and
love. May we accept Your love and help us,
live a life worthy of You.

DAY 5 Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal
Church, You serve God by watching over
His children. Accept us as children of God.
Teach us to accept what we cannot change,
and strengthen us to change the things we
can.

DAY 6 Good Saint Joseph, Your life was that of a
humble craftsman. Grant us humility. Help
those in need, and show us the path to
Christ's love, the true road to salvation.

DAY 7 Divine Infant Child Jesus, Saint Joseph so
loved You. Spark our hearts with Your love
and shower our families with Your heavenly
graces and blessings.

DAY 8 Divine Savior, Son of Almighty God, like
Joseph, we commit our lives to You. Grant
peace and justice to our world, that we might
live in harmony.

DAY 9 Oh Heavenly Father, through You all things
came to be. Joseph accepted Your Divine
Will. Please help us accept what will be.
Forgive our sins and grant us eternal life

Each Day End With:

Gather me close, I entrust myself to your care.
But even more, Lord, keep me close to Your Love.

In conclusion of the novena say:
one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be

Dear Friends of Our Lady's Shrine:

This novena in honor of Saint Joseph is our
way of thanking our spiritual foster father for looking
after us during our lives.

We will pray to Saint Joseph for a period of nine
days (the novena March 11-19), Holy Mass will be offered
each day in honor of the Patron of the Universal Church.

Daily prayers to Saint Joseph will be offered
at the Shrine Chapel (weather permitting) at 10:00 a.m.
We urge all of you to join with us in prayer, thanking
Saint Joseph for his help. If you are near the Shrine,
please stop by and join us in prayer.

May the peace and blessings of Our Heavenly
Father be with you and yours

Sincerely,
Mike Scully, Director

**I have listed my petitions and I earnestly
pray that my offering of \$ _____ will be of
help to you with the preservation of Blessed
Mother Mary's Shrine and Grottos.**

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ **Zip** _____

Detach this section and return the petition slip to:

BLACK MADONNA SHRINE
PO BOX 181
EUREKA MO 63025

TheBlackMadonnaShrine.org
636-938-5361

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NOT BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO DONATIONS UNDER \$5.00.)