

Feast of Saint Joseph Hope of the Sick



A PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JOSEPH

For more than 1,000 years, the Roman Catholic Church has venerated Saint Joseph as patron of fathers, protector of children (both born and unborn), and guardian of unwed mothers. He is also venerated as patron of carpenters, laborers, immigrants, and those who doubt their faith. And during these uncertain times, it is also good to remember that Saint Joseph is also venerated as a patron of the sick. This year, the Church throughout the world will celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph on Thursday, March 19th. Traditional devotions to Saint Joseph remain strong and vibrant in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. In this spirit, let us raise our hearts and voices in prayer for the intercession of Saint Joseph:

Benevolent Joseph,
the Son of God placed his life in your hands.
With the Virgin Mary, our Blessed Mother,
you cared for the Child Jesus,
who is the force of life in our world.
May your compassion embrace our fragility
and bring us the comfort of the divine presence.

Loving Saint Joseph,
we join with you in prayer by crying out:
Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God,
say a word for our healing!

Make us sensitive to the illnesses
of those closest to us.
Support us in our efforts
to care for our sick brothers and sisters.
Give us courage in the fight against all evil.

Help us to find meaning
in God's great project for humanity
beyond the sickness and suffering that blind us.
May the Love of God be with us,
because our only hope is with Him.

We make this prayer
through the intercession of Saint Joseph
to Christ Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.
Saint Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us!