

SECOND DAY

INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

March 31, 2021

St. Peter Julian Eymard Writes:

“Just as God appointed Joseph, son of the Patriarch Jacob, to be steward of the land of Egypt that he might store away grain for the people, so in the fullness of time when He sent His only Son, the Savior of the world, He chose another Joseph of whom the first was a figure. He made him master and prince of His heritage; He gave him charge of His greatest treasures. He destined him to espouse the Immaculate Virgin Mary of whom was born, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, our Savior Jesus Christ, Who was willing to be taken by men as the obedient son of Joseph. Saint Joseph not only saw the Redeemer long desired of kings and prophets, he conversed with Him and embraced Him with paternal affection. With the utmost devotion he provided food for Him Whom the faithful were to receive as the heavenly Bread of eternal life.

On account of this sublime dignity which God was pleased to confer on so great a servant, the Church, besides imploring Saint Joseph's protection in every need, has always honored and praised him as second only to the Virgin Mother of God, his spouse.”

Further question to consider:

What is my own personal intention that I want to have present for this novena? Be specific. Who are the individuals that I want to pray for and entrust to the care of St. Joseph? Do I make it a habit of praying for people? Is offering prayers for difficult situations in my life or in the world one of the first and most important actions that I take or do I see it as the last resort?

Action Items for today:

- Write down your personal intention.
- Make a list of people and situations you want to bring to prayer.

Daily Prayer:

Be mindful of us, O blessed Joseph, and intercede for us with thy foster-Son by the pleading of thy prayer: do thou in like manner render the Blessed Virgin Mary, thy Spouse, gracious unto us, for she is the Mother of Him, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns world without end. Amen. (*Memorare of St. Bernardine of Siena*)

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be