

THIRTY-SECOND DAY

SAINT JOSEPH'S POWERFUL PROTECTION

April 30, 2021

As we come to the close of this month consecrated to Saint Joseph, let us look up to heaven to see his unveiled glory and to assure ourselves of his powerful protection during life and at the moment of death. If Joseph was great on earth by his dignity and his virtues, he is still greater in heaven by his glory and prominence near the throne of God. There he is our all-powerful intercessor.

He is all-powerful, first, by the omnipotence of God the Father Whose dignity, office, and authority over the Word Incarnate he shared here on earth. Can the Eternal Father refuse him anything to whom He gave His own Son?

Joseph is all-powerful, moreover, by the omnipotence of Jesus Christ over Whom he had all-power on earth and Who obeyed him like a son. Could the glorified Jesus refuse the least wish of one who cared for Him so tenderly and solicitously and served Him so faithfully while he was on earth? No, it is impossible. Jesus finds glory in still submitting His almighty power in heaven to Joseph as He submitted His will on earth.

Joseph is all-powerful, finally, through the intercessory power of Mary, his holy spouse. Like a faithful wife, Mary shares with him all her glory and power. The Queen of heaven can refuse nothing to him whom she honored and served as her husband and loved as her guardian and father.

In a word, Joseph is an all-powerful intercessor. We must, then, be devoted to him; we must honor him and consecrate ourselves to him. In that way we shall greatly please Jesus and Mary, who consider as done for themselves what is done for Joseph.

We all have in him a model and a protector. As adorers of the Sacramental Jesus, we continue near the Blessed Sacrament his service, his adoration, and his love. He will watch over us and give us his spirit and virtues.

Devotion to Saint Joseph is something very precious for Christian mothers because Saint Joseph is patron of Christian families. Make him the patron of your family and you will soon have tangible proof of his protecting hand. He is also patron of vocations, so pray to him for the grace of fulfilling your duties well and of directing your children in their path of life. Inspire them with devotion to Saint Joseph. It will bring them happiness.

Saint Joseph is patron of the afflicted, for he himself had many sorrows. In your trials invoke him. Saint Teresa tells us that she never asked Saint Joseph for anything without receiving it immediately; have her confidence and you too will obtain everything.

Finally, Saint Joseph is the patron of a good death because he died in the arms and in the love of Jesus and Mary. Happy the soul devoted to Saint Joseph; it is a sure pledge of a happy death, of salvation, and of eternal happiness.

Further questions to consider:

How can I sustain and deepen my relationship with St. Joseph?

Action Item:

Pray this tonight: “St. Joseph, all powerful protector, please accompany us in our daily lives that we may keep focused on our Eucharistic Lord! Never allow us to go astray!”

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

