

Litany 3

‘Saint Joseph teaches us to see the big picture, God’s “dream”, and he “teaches us that amid the tempests of life we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course.’ (J Larsen SM, quoting Pope Francis)

St Joseph,

With the heart of a father, **pray for us**

With a mission entrusted to you by God, **pray for us**

Patron of the Society of Mary, **pray for us**

Guardian of the Holy Family, **pray for us**

Custodian of this house, **pray for us**

Protector of the universal church, **pray for us**

Member of the chosen people of God, **pray for us**

Guardian of the Messiah, **pray for us**

The worker , **pray for us**

Spouse of the Virgin Mary, **pray for us**

The just man, **pray for us**

Ready to carry out God’s will, **pray for us**

Guided by dreams coming from God, **pray for us**

Foreigner in Egypt, **pray for us**

Who shared with the Mary all her pains and trials, **pray for us**

Who worked hard to support your family, **pray for us**

Witness to the actions of Jesus and Mary, **pray for us**

Our counsellor and guide, **pray for us**

Let us pray

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son, in you Mary placed her trust, with you Christ became human.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

[Source: Pope Francis, *Patris Corde* 2020]

A Marist resource for the Year of St Joseph

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proclaimed as patron of the universal church*

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Three litanies with reflection and prayer



Litany 1

'After the blessed Mary, let them show special affection for St. Joseph. Let them regard him, the leader of the Family of Nazareth, as the protector of this least Society. To him let them have confident recourse in their every need, celebrating his feasts with joy and as far as they are able trying to increase devotion to him in the church.' (1872 Const. n 205)



St Joseph,

By your life-style and poverty, **guide us**

In your role of bursar, **guide us**

For the Vocation of our coadjutor brothers, **inspire us**

Through your Hidden service, **inspire us**

In your role of 'father', **enlighten us**

Protector of the Holy Family, **protect us**

In living Chaste and fruitful relationships, **intercede for us**

In responding quickly to what we are asked, **enable us**

In following fully the will of God, **enable us**

Prayer for the Society of Mary

God, our Father, from whom all good gifts come to us, hear our prayer. Through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the intercession of our Blessed Lady, St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Peter Chanel and St. Marcellin Champagnat we earnestly ask you to govern our Society, to strengthen it, to guard it from all error and to keep it always in peace, simplicity and fervour of spirit.

Litany 2

'... so that what was once to be seen in the house of Nazareth, where lived the Incarnate Word, the Blessed Virgin and the Patriarch Joseph, may also be seen in the Society.' (J-C Colin, *Antiquiores Textus 2*, p 100)

St Joseph,

You allowed the Lord to steer your course, **guide us**

You followed God's dream, not your own, **guide us**

You interpret dreams that save God's People, **enlighten us**

You obeyed and trusted God and Mary, **enable us**

You took Mary and Jesus into Egypt,

guide all refugees and migrants

You brought Jesus and Mary to Nazareth,

guide all refugees and migrants

You worked with head, heart, and hands,

inspire all to work with love



Prayer of a Brother

St. Joseph, faithful and chaste spouse of Mary, guardian of the domestic church, you lived a poor and humble life. You submitted your own dreams to the greater dream of God. You left behind your home and walked into the unknown with Jesus and Mary. May we, like you, be faithful, chaste, poor and true – to your family – which is our family too. Amen. (+Patrick Thomson SM, 2001)

[Source: J Larsen SM, Reflection, Mar 2021]