



## Day Eight – Friday 30th April 2021

# St. Joseph, Patron of the Church

Find some quiet place. Perhaps have before you an image of St. Joseph. If you wish, light a candle and begin your prayer.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

### Listen to God's Word ...

"Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture." (Patris Corde, 2021)

### Pause to reflect

### Pray to St. Joseph ...

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 man.

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**

**In silence, place your prayers and petitions in St. Joseph's hands. Please pray also for:** The People of God who form the Church throughout the world. For Pope Francis and all those who lead God's People. For the Church to be a true witness to the Gospel and a beacon of hope for humanity.

### Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be ...

St. Joseph, Man of Faith, Friend of God, Husband of Mary, Guardian of Jesus.  
**Pray to God for us!**

The Lord bless us and keep us; The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us; The Lord turn his face toward us and give us his peace both now and forever. **Amen**

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