



Day One – Friday 23rd April

St. Joseph, Open to God

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 ...

And suddenly the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one to save his people from their sins." (Mt. 1:20-21)

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: A greater sense of the majesty of God in the beauty of the natural world around us. A greater appreciation of the gift of life and the wonderfulness of living. Those who are searching for meaning and direction in life.

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**

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