

## Prayer to Saint Joseph for Priests



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O glorious Saint Joseph, who, on the word of the angel speaking to you in the night, did put fear aside to take your Virgin Bride into your home, show yourself today the advocate and protector of priests.

Guardian of the Infant Christ, defend them against every attack of the enemy, preserve them from the dangers that surround them on every side.

Forget not Herod's threats against the Child, the anguish of the flight into Egypt by night, and the hardships of your exile.

Stand by the accused; stretch out your hand to those who have fallen; comfort the fearful; forsake not the weak; and visit the lonely. Let all priests know that in you God has given them a model of faith in the night, of obedience in adversity, of chastity in tenderness, and of hope in uncertainty.

You are the terror of demons and the healer of those wounded in spiritual combat. Come, then, to the defense of every priest in need; overcome evil with good. Where there are curses, put blessings, where harm has been done, do your good. Let there be joy for the priests of the Church and peace for all under your gracious protection. Amen.

## Prayer to Saint Joseph for a Particular Priest

O glorious Saint Joseph, I present to you this day Father N., priest of Jesus Christ, and beg you to be to him advocate and defender, counselor and friend.

Open your heart to him as you did open your home to the Virgin Mother in her hour of need. Protect his holy priesthood as you did protect the life of the Infant Christ threatened by cruel Herod.

In the darkness bring him light; in weakness, strength; and in fear the peace that surpasses understanding.

For the sake of the tender love that bound you to the Virgin Mary and to the Infant Christ, be for him, Saint Joseph, a constant intercessor and a shield against every danger of the body, mind, and soul so that, in spite of his weakness and sins, his priesthood may bring glory to Christ and serve to increase the beauty of holiness in His bride the Church.

Amen.