Prayer to Honor St. Joseph
Feast of St. Joseph, March 19

LEADER: READ THE ANTIPHONS    ALL: PRAY THE INVOCATIONS AND +++PRAYER

1. ANT: “The angel Gabriel was sent to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was JOSEPH of the house of David, and the name of the virgin was MARY.” (Luke 1:26-27)
St. Joseph, man of trust and honor, help us to follow your example of holiness.
St. Joseph, most just, grant us the grace to serve all of God’s children.
St. Joseph, lover of Mary, help us extend ourselves to one and all.
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Let us pray: Almighty God, at the dawn of the new day of redemption, you entrusted to St. Joseph the care of the mysteries of salvation, grant today to your Church, ever sustained by his prayer, to bring them to fulfillment, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

2. ANT: “Son, why have you done so to us? Behold your father and I have sorrowfully looked for you.” (Luke 2:48-49)
St. Joseph, full of faith, continue to inspire us to greater things.
St. Joseph, strong support of Mary, be our protector.
St. Joseph, wonderful example of trust, guide us in times of doubt.
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Let us pray…(above)

3. ANT: “And he went down with them to Nazareth and was subject to them.” (Luke 2:51)
St. Joseph, model of obedience, lead us to Jesus.
St. Joseph, gentle guardian of Jesus and Mary, protect us always.
St. Joseph, humble man of faith, inspire us in all our choices for life.
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Let us pray…(above)
4. ANT: “Whereupon, JOSEPH her husband, being a just man, and not willing publicly to expose her, was ready to put her away privately.” (Matthew 1:19)
St. Joseph, tempted with doubts, encourage us in difficult decisions.
St. Joseph, who walked faithfully in God’s presence, in your justice, give us life.
St. Joseph, model of faith, grant us the grace to follow your example.
+++Let us pray…(above)

5. ANT: “JOSEPH, son of David fear not to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you shall name him Jesus.” (Matthew 1:20-21)
St. Joseph, faithful spouse of Mary, shower us with your goodness.
St. Joseph, devoted example of Christian life, give us your graciousness.
St. Joseph, help of the afflicted, give us the patience of long-suffering.
+++Let us pray…(above)

6. ANT: “And they came in haste; and found Mary and JOSEPH and the Infant lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:16)
St. Joseph, foster father of the Son of God, protect us always,
St. Joseph, watchful guardian of the Holy Family, support us in our daily needs.
St. Joseph, faithful witness for all in need, shield us from every danger.
+++Let us pray…(above)

7. ANT: “And suddenly thee was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all of good will.” (Luke 2:13-14)
+++Let us pray…(above)

8. ANT: “And all that had heard Him were astonished at His wisdom and His answers. And seeing Him they wondered.” (Luke 2:47)
St. Joseph, master of God’s house, show us the way to Jesus.
St. Joseph, guide of God’s family, help your people of God to act wisely in all things.
St. Joseph, most obedient, teach us to know Christ, Son of man and Son of God.
+++Let us pray…(above)

9. ANT: “Well done, good and faithful servant.”
St. Joseph, gentle guardian of Jesus and Mary, strengthen the faith of the dying.
St. Joseph, comforted in death by Jesus and Mary, lead all to the arms of Jesus.
St. Joseph, most just and valiant, direct us in all our ways of cooperating with others.
+++Let us pray…(above)