**LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH**\*

*approved for public use by Pope St. Pius X in 1909*

Lord, have mercy.
*Christ, have mercy*.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.
*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of Heaven,  *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  *have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Spirit,  *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God,  *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,  *pray for us* (after each line)

Saint Joseph,
Renowned offspring of David,
Light of Patriarchs,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
Foster-father of the Son of God,
Diligent protector of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,
Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most strong,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,
Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of artisans,
Glory of home life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Solace of the wretched, Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
 *Spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
 *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
 *Have mercy on us.*

V. He made him the lord of His house:
R. And ruler of all His substance.

Let us pray.
 O God, who in Thine unspeakable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thine own most holy Mother: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom we reverence as our defender on earth: who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

\* Some expressions are rather archaic.

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*Used by the Oblates of Saint Joseph*

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| Lord, have mercyChrist, have mercyLord, have mercyGod our Father in heavenGod the Son, Redeemer of the worldGod the Holy SpiritHoly Trinity, one GodHoly MarySaint JosephNoble son of the House of DavidLight of patriarchsHusband of the Mother of GodGuardian of the VirginFoster father of the Son of GodFaithful guardian of ChristHead of the holy familyJoseph, chaste and justJoseph, prudent and braveJoseph, obedient and loyalPattern of patienceLover of povertyModel of workersExample to parentsGuardian of virginsPillar of family lifeComfort of the troubledHope of the sickPatron of the dyingTerror of evil spiritsProtector of the ChurchLamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, | R/. Lord, have mercy.R/. Christ, have mercy.R/. Lord, have mercy.R/. Have mercy on us.R/. Have mercy on us.R/. Have mercy on us.R/. Have mercy on us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Pray for us.R/. Spare us O Lord.R/. Hear us O Lord.R/. Have mercy on us. |
| **Let us pray.** God, in your infinite wisdom and love you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary, the mother of your Son. May we have the help of his prayers in heaven and enjoy his protection on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. |

*Notes\*\*:*

1. *Uses modern English.*
2. *The closing prayer of this litany is the prayer for the Votive Mass of St. Joseph (ICEL translation, 1976).*