

Daughters, be devoted to St. Joseph who can do a great deal.

*Spiritual Testimonies, #34*



I took for my advocate and lord the glorious St. Joseph and earnestly recommended myself to him. I saw clearly that as in this need, so in other greater ones, this father and lord of mine came to my rescue in better ways than I knew how to ask for. I do not recall up to this day ever having petitioned him for anything that he failed to grant. It is an amazing thing the great and many favors God has granted me through the mediation of this blessed saint, the dangers I was freed from both of body and soul. For with other saints it seems the Lord has given them grace to be of help in one need, whereas with this glorious saint, I have experience that he helps in all our needs. The Lord wants us to understand that just as He was subject to St. Joseph on earth — for since bearing the title of father, being the Lord's tutor, Joseph could give the Child commands — so in heaven, God does whatever Joseph commands.

This has been observed by other persons, also through experience, whom I have told to recommend themselves to him. And so there are many who in realizing this truth renew devotion to him.

I endeavored to celebrate his feast with all the solemnity possible.

Because of my impressive experience of the goods this glorious saint obtains from God, I had the desire to persuade all to be devoted to him. I have not known anyone truly devoted to him and rendering him special services who has not advanced more in virtue. For in a powerful way he benefits souls who recommend themselves to him. It seems to me that for some years now I have asked him for something on his feast day, and my petition is always granted. If the request is somewhat out of line, he rectifies it for my greater good. If I were a person who had authority for writing I would willingly and in a very detailed way enlarge upon what I am saying about the favors this glorious saint did for me and for others.

I only ask for the love of God anyone who does not believe me to try, and he will see through experience the great good that comes from recommending oneself to this glorious patriarch and being devoted to him. Especially persons of prayer should always be attached to him. For I do not know how one can think about the Queen of Angels who went through so much with the Infant Jesus without giving thanks to St. Joseph for the good assistance he provided for both of them. Anyone who cannot find a master to teach him prayer should take this glorious saint for his master, and he will not go astray.

*Life 6: 6,7*



You should help the cause of the glorious St. Joseph.

*Letter #269 to a Carthusian Prior*

## NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH

Every day for nine days, turn to St. Joseph in spirit four times during the day and honor him in the following four points.

During the first visit, consider St. Joseph's fidelity to grace. Reflect upon the action of the Holy Ghost in his soul. At the conclusion of this brief meditation, thank God for so honoring St. Joseph, and ask, through his intercession, for a similar grace.

Later in the day, consider St. Joseph's fidelity to the interior life. Study his spirit of recollection. Think, thank God, and ask.

Later still, consider St. Joseph's love for our Lady. Think, thank God, and ask.

Finally, in a fourth visit, reflect upon St. Joseph's love for the Divine Child. Think, thank God, and ask.

## PETITION TO ST. JOSEPH

Holy St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary, be mindful of us, pray for us, watch over us. Guardian of the paradise of the new Adam, provide for our spiritual and temporal needs. Faithful guardian of the most precious of all treasures, we beseech thee to bring this matter to a happy end, if it be for the glory of God and for the good of our souls.

R̃. Amen.