
Prayer to St. Joseph, Principal Patron of Canada

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We turn to you, Saint Joseph,
the guardian of Canada and patron for our times.

Inspire our leaders to dream,
help them to hear God calling for justice and peace,
empower them to do brave things for Canada
as you once dared to do for your own family.

Saint Joseph, the patron of expectant mothers,
intercede for us at the beginning of life;
by your example of love for the Virgin Mary on the road to
Bethlehem,
help us to support the holiness of every woman
and every child waiting to be born.

In the flight into Egypt you shared the life of refugees;
even now you give us hope when we suffer want,
or have no place to go.
Inspire us all to persevere in poverty
and to share what we can for the sake of those in need.

Patron of families, ask for God's blessings on young families;
help us to make Jesus the head of every household
and to keep the practice of the faith,
for you kept faith with your young family in Nazareth.

Saint Joseph the worker;
guide us through our working years;
our tools may not be like yours, but we share your dedication.
Ask the Holy Spirit to guide our vocations
so that we can build lives worthy of your example.

As the years go by stay with us,
Saint Joseph, the faithful and just;
help us to give thanks for all of our years
as you kept faith all your life long.

Patron of the end of life,
be present to us at the end of our days on earth,
help us to embrace the promises Jesus makes to us all
and give comfort as we follow the road you also journeyed.

For all our life, for our Church, for our nation,
for all our family and those we love;
Saint Joseph be our friend and guide.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

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