



## **NICCSJ 2026 Novena to St. Joseph** **(To be led by the Catholic Men Organization [CMO])**

St. Joseph was of the royal family of David by birth but was living in humble obscurity as a carpenter when God raised him to the highest sanctity and chose him to be the spouse of His Virgin Mother and foster-father and guardian to Jesus. Joseph, as the Scripture tells us, was a just man; gentle and tender (Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-23). St. Joseph is frequently invoked for employment, daily protection, vocation, happy marriage, and a happy death. Many saints described their devotion to Saint Joseph and his intercession. St. Teresa of Avila attributed her recovery of health to St. Joseph and recommended him as an advocate. St. Therese of Lisieux stated that she prayed daily to St. Joseph and felt protected from danger as a result. Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph the patron of the Universal Church on December 8, 1870. St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of number of cities, regions, dioceses, and countries among them are our city of San Jose and the Diocese of San Jose. Let us pray this Novena with faith, attention, and intentions, trusting on the intercession of St. Joseph. Amen

### **Wednesday, March 11th – Thursday, March 19th, 2026**

**8.00PM Daily-** through Community Zoom- <https://us02web.zoom.us/my/niccsj>, 1D-9206647431, Passcode- 424258.

- ❖ **Day 1: Opening:** (Wednesday- 03/11/26): St. Christopher's Group
- ❖ **Day 2** (Thursday, 03/12/26): St. Patrick's Group
- ❖ **Day 3** (Friday, 03/13/26): St. Joseph's Group
- ❖ **Day 4** (Saturday, 03/14/26): St. Augustine's Group
- ❖ **Day 5** (Sunday, 03/15/26): St. Anthony's Group
- ❖ **Day 6** (Monday, 03/16/26): St. Christopher's Group
- ❖ **Day 7** (Tuesday, 03/17/26): St. Patrick's Group
- ❖ **Day 8** (Wednesday, 03/18/26): St. Joseph's Group
- ❖ **Day 9: Closing:** (Wednesday, 03/19/26): St. Augustine's Group

### **Steps:**

1. **Begin-** In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirt. Amen
2. Pray the prayer for a particular day (like Day 1 or Day 2...)
3. Mention the intentions:
  - a. Thanksgiving to God for all our answered prayers
  - b. For Marital Blessings and Job Opportunities for all our young adults & young professionals
  - c. For vocations to priestly and religious life from our Igbo Community
  - d. For families praying for the blessings of the fruits of the womb
  - e. For peace, security, and respect for human life in our home country Nigeria, especially in the Igbo Land
  - f. For God's guidance, wisdom, & strength on our newly elected executives.
  - g. Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of the Bay Area
  - h. For God's protection & healing on all of us and for those who are sick, especially Chief Adolph Obilor & Chief Goddy Duru.
  - i. For deceased members of our families, especially all the names in our virtual book of remembrance & for God's consolation & strength on all the bereaved families.

- j. For other private intentions
4. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet & other prayers (Monday-Friday), & Rosary & other prayers (Saturdays & Sundays).
  5. Pray the Daily Prayer for Priests
  6. Pray the Prayer for the Family
  7. Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel
  8. Pray the Prayer for the Sick
  9. Conclusion

**DAY ONE: Wednesday March 11th, 2026**

O great St. Joseph, with feelings of unlimited confidence, we beg you to bless this novena that we begin in your honor. "You are never invoked in vain" says the seraphic St. Theresa of Jesus. Be you then to me what you have been to that spouse of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and graciously hear me as you did her.... **Intentions**

**DAY TWO: Thursday March 12th, 2026**

O blessed Saint Joseph, tenderhearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Mother of God, we pray and beseech you to offer to God the Father, His divine son, bathed in blood on the Cross for sinners, and through the thrice holy name of Jesus obtain for us of the eternal Father the favor for which we implore your intercession...**Intentions....**

**DAY THREE: Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Blessed St. Joseph, enkindle in our cold hearts a spark of your charity. May God be always the first and only object of our affections. Keep our souls always in sanctifying grace and, if we should be so unhappy as to lose it, give us the strength to recover it immediately by a sincere repentance. Help us to such a love of our God as will always keep us united to Him...**Intentions**

**DAY FOUR: Saturday March 14th, 2026**

Saint Joseph, pride of Heaven, unfailling hope for our lives, and support of those on earth, graciously accept our prayer of praise. You were appointed spouse of the chaste Virgin by the Creator of the world. He willed that you be called "father" of the Word and serve as agent of our salvation. May the triune God who bestowed upon you heavenly honors, be praised forever. And may He grant us through your merits the joy of a blessed life and a favorable answer to our petition...**Intentions**

**DAY FIVE: Sunday March 15th, 2026**

O holy St. Joseph, what a lesson your life is for us, ever so eager to appear so anxious to display before the eyes of men the graces that we owe entirely to the liberality of God. In addition to the special favor for which we plead in this novena grant that we may attribute to God the glory of all things, that we may love the humble and hidden life, that we may not desire any other position than the one given us by Providence and that we may always be a docile instrument in the hands of God...**Intentions**

**DAY SIX: Monday March 16th, 2026**

O glorious Saint Joseph, appointed by the Eternal Father as the guardian and protector of the life of Jesus Christ, the comfort and support of His Holy Mother, and the instrument in His great design for the redemption of mankind; you who had the happiness of living with Jesus and Mary, and of dying in their arms, be moved with confidence we place in you, and procure for us from the Almighty, the particular favor which we humbly ask through your intercession...**Intentions...**

**DAY SEVEN: Tuesday March 17th, 2026**

O faithful and prudent Saint Joseph, watch over our weakness and our inexperience; obtain for us that prudence which reminds us of our end, which directs our paths, and which protects us from every danger. Pray for us, then, O great Saint, and by your love for Jesus and Mary, and by their love for you, obtain for us the favor we ask in this novena...**Intentions**

**DAY EIGHT: Wednesday March 18th, 2026**

O blessed Joseph, to whom it was given not only to see and to hear that God whom many kings longed to see and saw not; to hear and heard not; but also, to carry Him in your arms, to embrace Him, to clothe Him, and to guard and defend Him, come to our assistance and intercede with Him to look favorably on our present petition. **Intentions....**

**DAY NINE: Thursday March 19th, 2026**

O good Saint Joseph, help us to be like you, gentle to those whose weakness leans on us; help us to give to those who seek our aid, succor that they may journey unafraid. Give us your faith, that we may see the right shining above the victories of might. Give us your hope that we may stand secure, untouched by doubting, steadfast to endure. Give us your love that as the years increase an understanding heart may bring us peace. Give us your purity that the hour of death finds us untouched by evil's breath. ...**Intentions**

*Novena Prayers adapted from <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/novena-to-st-joseph>*

**The Daily Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of the Child Jesus (St. Therese of Lisieux)**



O Jesus, we pray for your faithful and fervent priests;  
For your unfaithful and tepid priests;  
For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.  
For your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests;  
For your old and young priests; for your dying priests;  
For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.  
But above all, we recommend to you the priests dearest to us:  
the priests who baptized us; the priests who absolved us from our sins; the  
priests at whose Masses we participated and who gave us Your Body and  
Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed us; all the  
priests to whom we are indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all  
close to your heart and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

### Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father, most good and gracious God sustain our family in your love. Make it a place where holiness can abound. Aid our family to imitate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Help us to learn from the good example of others and to give good examples to others. Assist us in learning to bear our pain and suffering as Jesus did. Aid us in overcoming difficulties and carry our crosses. Help our family life to lead only to Jesus, the source of true happiness. Please give wholesome habits to our family. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



### Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen



### Prayer For the Sick

O God of the heavenly virtues, who from the bodies of men and women drives forth all sickness and all infirmities by the power of thy word: draw graciously upon all our brothers and sisters who are sick that with weakness put to flight and health and strength continually renewed, they will continue to bless your holy name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**O Mary health of the Sick- Pray for us**  
**O Mary help of Christians- Pray for us**  
**O Mary Comforter of the afflicted- Pray for us**

### **Conclusion**

We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

**In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

