



**NICCSJ 2022 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

**Thursday, March 10th – Friday, March 18, 2022**

**Modality: 8.00PM Daily-Sundays & Saturdays through Community Zoom-**  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/niccsj>, ID- 9206647431, Passcode- 424258. Monday to Friday through**  
**Community Prayer Line: Dial in #- +18482203100; ID #-06122005#**

- ❖ **Day 1: Opening:** (Thursday- 03/10/22): St. Joseph's Group
- ❖ **Day 2** (Friday, 03/11/22): St. Anthony's Group
- ❖ **Day 3** (Saturday, 03/12/22): St. Augustine's Group
- ❖ **Day 4** (Sunday, 03/13/22): St. Christopher's Group
- ❖ **Day 5** (Monday, 03/14/22): St. Patrick's Group
- ❖ **Day 6** (Tuesday, 03/15/22): St. Joseph's Group
- ❖ **Day 7** (Wednesday, 03/16/22): St. Augustine's Group
- ❖ **Day 8** (Thursday, 03/17/22): St. Christopher's Group
- ❖ **Day 9: Closing:** (Friday, 03/18/22): St. Anthony's Group

**Steps:**

1. **Begin-** In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirit. Amen
2. Pray the Opening Prayer- Prayer for a particular day (like Day 1 or Day 2 as below)
3. Mention the intentions:
  - a. Thanksgiving to God for all our answered prayers
  - b. For the intentions of all the fathers.
  - c. For Marital Blessings and Job Opportunities for all our young adults.
  - d. For peace, security and respect for human life in our home country Nigeria, especially in the Igbo Land
  - e. Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of Bay Area
  - f. For the success of our 360 Project, 15th Anniversary Memoir, & Devotional App
  - g. For God's protection & healing on all of us and for those who are sick, especially Dr. Adaure Onyewuenyi, Fr. Urban Osuji, & Msgr. John Sandersfeld
  - h. For deceased members of our families, especially Prince Val Nwogu, Ezinne Patricia Ajawara, and all the names in our virtual book of remembrance & for God's consolation & strength on all the bereaved families.
  - i. For other private intentions

4. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (Monday to Friday- Community prayer line) or Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday & Sunday- Community Zoom)
5. Prayer- Daily Prayer for Priests
6. Prayer for the family
7. Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for an End to Coronavirus

**DAY ONE: Thursday March 10th, 2022**

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: Friday March 11th, 2022**

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: Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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: Sunday March 13th, 2022**

Saint Joseph, pride of Heaven, un failing 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: Monday March 14th, 2022**

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: Tuesday March 15th, 2022**

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: Wednesday March 16th, 2022**

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: Thursday March 17th, 2022**

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: Friday March 18th, 2022**

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.

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***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. Help us to learn to be like Jesus in all our actions. 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 our Lady of Guadalupe for an End to Coronavirus (USCCB, 2020)**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears, and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, the health of the sick, and the cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



- O Mary Health of the Sick- Pray for us
- O Mary help of Christians- Pray for us
- O Mary Queen of our Families- Pray for us