



TO THEE, O BLESSED JOSEPH

To thee, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our afflictions, and, after imploring the help of thy most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke thy patronage also. By that affection which united thee to the Immaculate, Virgin Mother of God, and by the fatherly love with which thou didst embrace the Infant Jesus, look down, we beseech thee, with gracious eyes on the precious inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His blood, and help us in our necessities by thy power and aid.

Protect, O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, the elect children of Jesus Christ; ward off from us, O most loving father, all plagues of errors and depravity; be propitious to us from Heaven, O most powerful protector, in this our struggle with the powers of darkness; and as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from the greatest peril to His life, so now defend God's holy Church from the snares of the enemy and all adversity. Finally, shield every one of us with thy patronage, that, imitating thy example and strengthened by thy help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting happiness in Heaven. Amen

- *From the Father Lasance Prayer Book, 1908*



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