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Per Mariam ad Jesum.
Joy, Passion, Glory.

Ethos † Maria



Large protective cloak devotion

*The Great Protective Mantle Devotion is open to: women & men, baptized & unbaptized, believers & doubters. **Choral & synchronous** we want to continue to nourish the fire of prayer in the middle of Berlin, at the focal point in Kreuzberg. To cast off and transform in the **silence**, the **joy** and the **force** that prayer gives us, the grey veil of everyday life and the tiredness of the day.*

So that during an age that is often called the "digital", a fragmented present of wealth and poverty in which everything seems to be there and at the same time everything is missing in the fragments of impressions, we may recognize and experience the poetry of God, the Eucharistic age, redemption.

Let us be guided and sustained in prayer by Saint Joseph, our friend, whose profession is called τέκτων tecton (Mt 13:55), and let ourselves be completely grasped by Him, who is his centre and the centre of us all, our brother, our Lord, our High Priest and King:

Jesus Christ

The protective mantle devotion is an extraordinary devotional exercise in honor of Saint Joseph to obtain his special intercession in a great cause.

It is an experience and memory of the years that Saint Joseph spent with Jesus, the Son of God, and with the Virgin Mother Mary in Nazareth.

Extraordinarily great and numerous graces are given to us when we go confidently to Saint Joseph. Saint Teresa of Avila said:

"If you don't want to believe it completely, you should try it, and He will be fully convinced."



Peter Paul Rubens Teresa of Avila

Saint Joseph can ask for more graces for us if we have first purified our own soul in a good confession and adorned it anew by receiving Communion. We can also make this great devotion more fruitful if, at the same time, we are ready to offer love to the poor. We may ask for a great grace. It is advisable, however, to offer this devotion to Saint Joseph for the dying and the dead. If we try to wipe away the tears of the poor and needy and those of the dead, Saint Joseph will also help and comfort us now and at the hour of death. He will love to spread his protective mantle over us, Saint Joseph not only nourished and protected the Holy Family, but he loves and blesses us all and wants to guide us once to eternal salvation.



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† In the name of the Father † and the Son † and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O Saint Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus Christ and Bridegroom of Mary, Virgin Mary, pray for us and for the dying of this day (or: this night)"

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, enlighten us, help us, save us. Amen.

Glory to the Father...

(three times, in gratitude to the Most Holy Trinity for the elevation of Saint Joseph to his extraordinarily high position).

Sacrifice

Behold, in humble submission I am here before thee, O Saint Joseph. In great veneration for you, I consecrate this protective mantle devotion to you and ask the whole heavenly court to accompany me. At the same time, I would like to resolve to grow in devotion to you and to promote it to others.

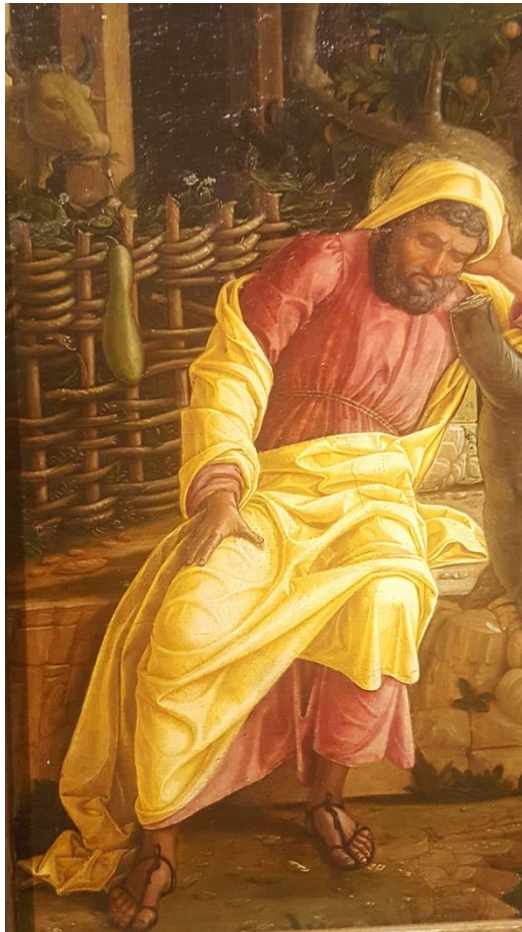
Help me, Saint Joseph, to remain faithful to you all my life in pious spirit and love. Then help me especially in the hour of death, just as Mary and Jesus helped you in your passing, so that I can honor you eternally in heavenly joy. Amen.

O glorious Saint Joseph, with pious submission and with a joyful heart, I lay this precious treasure of prayer at your feet, and I think of the many virtues that adorned your holy person.

For you, too, the dream of the Egyptian Joseph, your predecessor, came true. You were surrounded not only by the glorious rays of the divine sun, but also by the soft light of the mystical moon, Mary.

Jacob made his way to Egypt to congratulate his son Joseph, who sat on the royal throne. His example was followed by all his sons. But indescribably more beautiful was the example of Jesus and Mary, who surrounded you with their esteem and faithfulness. This spurs me on to courageously offer you this protective mantle devotion in order to experience God's pleasure through you.

Just as the Egyptian Joseph did not push away his guilty brothers, but lovingly welcomed them, protected them and saved them from hunger and death, so you, O Saint Joseph, will not reject me with my request. May I also obtain the grace that God, through your intercession, never abandons me in this valley of tears and that I may always be one of those who are safe in life and death under the protection of your mantle.



Mantegna, detail, the birth of Jesus

I greet you, O Saint Joseph, as steward of the incomparable treasures of heaven and earth and as the nurturing father of him who nourishes all the creatures of the universe. According to Mary, you are the saint most worthy to be loved and honored by us. Among all the saints, it is you who had the great honor of educating, guiding, feeding and embracing the Messiah; him whom so many prophets and kings longed to see. Saint Joseph, save my soul and obtain from the merciful God the grace I humbly ask for. (...)

Bring relief also to the poor souls in their suffering. **Amen.** Honour... (3x)

O Saint Joseph, you are destined worldwide as patron and protector of the Holy Church. In the circle of all the saints, I cry out to you, the strongest protector of the weak and needy, and I would like to praise a thousand times your gentleness of heart, which is always ready to help in every need.

To you, O Saint Joseph, widows and orphans, the abandoned, the afflicted and the needy of all kinds, turn. There is no pain, no sorrow, and no hardship that you have passed. Therefore, grant me also those tools which God himself has placed around your hands, so that I may receive the grace requested.

And you, all souls in purgatory, implore Saint Joseph for me. Amen. Honour... (3x)

Countless people have prayed before me and received help from you. O dear Saint Joseph, you know my needs and my desire to be freed from them. No human being, even the best, could understand my problem and really help me. With great

**confidence I take refuge in you. In the writings of the great Saint Teresa it says:
"Every grace that is asked of Saint Joseph is certainly granted."**

O Saint Joseph, Comforter of the afflicted, come to my aid in my affliction and guide my prayers also to the poor souls, so that they may soon attain joy and bliss. **Amen.**
Honour... (3x)

O exalted saint, by your perfect obedience to God, **have mercy on me.**

Through your holy and meritorious life, **listen to my supplication.**

By your most beloved name, **help me.**

By the gentleness and power of your heart, **protect me.**

Through your holy tears, strengthen **me.**

Through your seven pains, **have mercy on me.**

Through your seven joys, **comfort my heart. Free me**
from all evil of body and soul. **Tear me out**
of all misery and misery.

Graciously ask me the one necessary, the **grace of God.**

Obtain for the dead in purgatory the quick release from their torments. Amen. Honour...
(3x)

O glorious Saint Joseph, the graces you ask for the poor afflicted are innumerable. Sick people of every kind, oppressed, slandered, betrayed, desolate, hungry and needy come to you with their concerns and find their requests answered.

Please do not allow me, O dearest Saint Joseph, to be the only person among all these who would not be heard with his request. Show me your gracious and mighty help. For this I will be grateful and always venerate you, O glorious Saint Joseph, you my protector and liberator of the poor souls in purgatory. Amen. Honour... (3x)

O eternal God and Father in heaven, through the merits of your Son Jesus and His Holy Mother Mary, I implore the granting of a special grace. In the name of Jesus and Mary, I prostrate myself before you and worship you in your wonderful presence. Please accept my willingness and determination to persevere among those who want to live under the protection of the foster father of the Holy Family and implore you through him. Bless this sacred devotion in your goodness and hear my plea. Amen. Honour... (3x)

Saint Joseph, defend the Holy Church from all adversity and spread your mantle of protection over us all.



Dore, the flight to Egypt

Trusting teachings in memory of the hidden life of Saint Joseph with Jesus and Mary

Saint Joseph, **ask Jesus to sanctify my soul.**

Saint Joseph, **ask Jesus to inflame my heart with love.**

Saint Joseph, **ask Jesus to enlighten my mind.**

Saint Joseph, **ask Jesus to strengthen my will.**

Saint Joseph, **ask Jesus to purify my thoughts.**

Saint Joseph, **ask Jesus to direct my feelings.**

Saint Joseph, **ask Jesus to guide my desires.**

Saint Joseph, **you ask Jesus to bless my works.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace to imitate your virtues.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of a humble heart and mind.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of gentleness and goodness of heart.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of peace in my heart.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of God's piety and fear.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of striving for perfection.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of purity of heart.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of patience in trial and suffering.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of meekness in character.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of knowing the eternal truths.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of discernment of spirits.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of perseverance in doing good.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of bravery in carrying the cross.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of detachment from worldly attachments.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of longing for heaven.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of strength to avoid the opportunity for sin.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of the will to persevere faithfully to the end.**

Saint Joseph, **implore from Jesus the grace of a good hour of death.**

Saint Joseph, **never let me stand far from you.**

Saint Joseph, **help me to love Jesus as you loved him.**

Saint Joseph, **never abandon me, especially at the hour of death.**

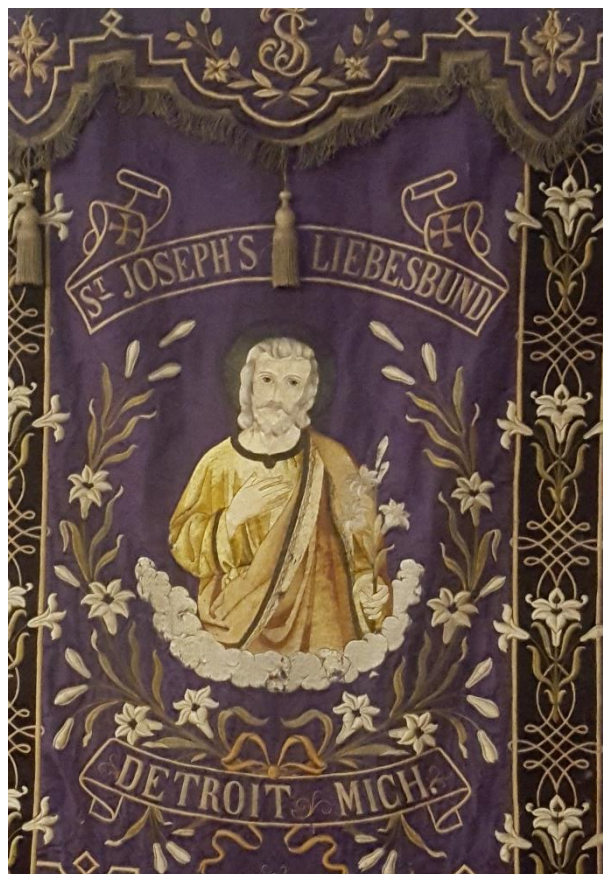
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, **I consecrate my heart and soul to you.**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, enlighten me, help me, save me. Amen. Honour... (3x)

Remember, O Most Pure Bridegroom of Mary, Mother of God, and my dearest Patron, Saint Joseph: Never before has it been heard that someone who begged you for protection and help has not been heard and comforted by you. With this knowledge and trust, I too come to you, Saint Joseph, listen to my pleas and hear my request. Amen.

Glorious Saint Joseph, Bridegroom of Mary and Virgin Father of Jesus, remember me and watch over me. Teach me to move forward on the path to holiness. Take all my urgent requests into your pious care and into your fatherly hat. Remove all obstacles and difficulties that stand in the way of my prayer and let the answer to my request become the greater glory of God and the salvation of my soul.

As a sign of my great gratitude, my promise to promote your devotion everywhere as far as possible should serve you. With joy I praise God, who has given you so much mediation in heaven and on earth. Amen.



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Lord, have mercy on our Christ, have mercy on our
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hear us, **Christ hear us.** God

the Father in heaven, **have mercy on our** God the Son,

Saviour of the world God, Holy Spirit Holy Trinity, one God Saint Mary, **pray for us**

Saint Joseph You glorious offspring of David You Light of the patriarchs You Bridegroom of
 the Mother of God You purest protector of the Holy Virgin You foster-father of the Son of
 God You zealous defender of Christ You Head of the Holy Family Joseph, distinguished by
 justice Joseph, shining in holy Purity Joseph, you model of prudence Joseph, you man full
 of boldness Joseph, you example of obedience Joseph, you model of fidelity You mirror of
 patience You lover of holy poverty You model of workers You adornment of domestic
 life You protector of virgins You support of families You consolation of the suffering You
 hope of the sick You patron of the dying You terror of evil spirits You protector of the Holy
 Church

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, **spare us, O Lord!**

Lamb of God,... **hear us, O Lord!**

Lamb of God,... **have mercy on us, O Lord!**

V: He made him master of his house.
A. And to the steward of all his property.

Let us pray:

O God, You have honored yourself to choose, with infinite care, Saint Joseph as the Bridegroom of Your Most Holy Mother. Graciously grant us that we deserve to have Him, whom we worship on earth as a protector, as an intercessor in heaven. You live and rule from eternity to eternity. Amen.

O glorious Saint Joseph, God has chosen you as the head and protector of the holiest of all families; be my mighty protector from heaven. I implore you to keep me always under the protection of your holy mantle.

I choose you today as Father, Intercessor, Companion and Protector. I recommend everything to you: my body and soul; everything I am and have, my whole life and also my death.

Keep me as your child and defend me against visible and invisible enemies. Stand with me in every need. Comfort me in bitter hours and especially in agony. Speak only one word for me to the gracious Savior, whom you were allowed to carry in your arms as a child, and to Mary Most Holy, whose beloved Bridegroom you were allowed to be. Obtain for me those graces that lead me to eternal salvation. I will follow your advice and example and be grateful to you always.

Saint Joseph, chaste and pure, let your foster child be me.

Keep me pure by soul and body, that in God's grace I remain.

Saint Joseph, foster father, bridegroom of the Virgin pure, be my guide and adviser, help me to be faithful to God.

Amen.

Our Father...
Hail Mary...
Glory...

† In the name of the Father † and the Son † and the Holy Spirit. Amen.