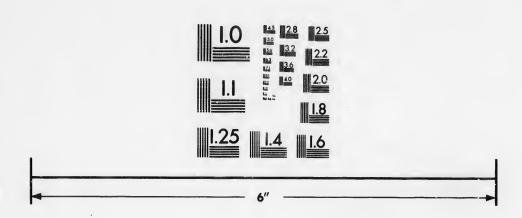


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# to St. Joseph

Patron of the Universal Church

or S-OLT VIST'S for each day of the month by the Rev. Father J. Bouvy of the Congregation of the Most Holy Recember

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# Offering

# To Saint Joseph

#### First Visit.

pleasure in applying to thee these words of the Apostle Saint Paul. He is so much better than the angels that he hath inherited a more excellent name than they. By thy title thou hast been more honoured by God than all the Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Pontiffs; they are all called servants; thou alone art called Father.

#### EJACULATION

O Saint Joseph! If thou protectest me, I shall be saved.

# The following prayer is to be said at the end of each visit.

GLORIOUS Patriarch! now that thou art in Heaven in the height of bliss, on a raised throne beside thy well beloved Jesus who was submitted to thee on earth, have compassion on me who am obliged to dwell amidst so many evil spirits and evil passions, which continually wage war against me to make me lose God's grace. Ah! by the happiness thou didst enjoy herebelow without interruption in the society of Jesus and of Mary, obtain for me the grace to pass the remainder

of my life always united to God, resisting all the assaults of hell, and to die in the love of Jesus and Mary, so that I may one day enjoy their company with thee in the kingdom of the Blessed.—Amen.

#### Second Visit

Holy Family, very small in number, it is true, but great in the excellence of two of its members: the Mother of God and God's only Son made man. The Lord hath therefore made him the master of his household. In that household Joseph commands and the Son of God obeys.

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#### EJACULATION

Saint Joseph, Pray Jesus for me. Prayer: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

#### Third Visit

Joseph since the Son of God, as Origenes observes, wished to honour him as his Father! That is also the title which Saint Luke gives him in his Gospel: His Father and Mother wondered in hearing what was said of him. And Mary does not call her spouse by any other name. "Behold, she says to Jesus," thy Father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

#### EJACULATION

Saint Joseph, be thou also my father.

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Fourth Visit.

of St. Joseph: "That faithful and prudent servant was chosen by God to be both the consoler of the Mother of God and the foster-father of Jesus Christ and co-operator, as faithful as he was privileged, in the redemption of the world, which was the work of the grand council of the three Divine Persons." Let us ask that Great Saint to console us also in our troubles, to assist as in our temporal needs and deliver us from sin.

EJACULATION

St. Joseph, thou art, after Jesus and Mary, my refuge and my hope.
PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

# Fifch Visit.

osuah astonished the world when he bade the sun to stop and give him time to complete the defeat of his enemies and when the sun obeyed him. But what comparison can there be between Josuah who was obeyed by the sun, an inanimate object, and Joseph who was obeyed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

EJACULATION

Saint Joseph! obtain for me the grace of faithfully accomplishing God's will.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

# Sixth Visit

HEN God, says St. Thomas, destines any one for an office, He gives him all the necessary graces to enable him to ill it worthily. Thus, O St. Joseph! the Lord, having

destined thee to fill the office of father to the person of the Verb Incarnate, He assuredly conferred upon thee all the gifts of wisdom and holiness suitable to such a position. We cannot therefore doubt that God enriched thee with all the graces and privileges granted to the other Saints.

#### **EJACULATION**

O great Saint, I place myself under thy protection. PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch! etc.

#### Seventh Visit.

pel of St. Mathew. The Holy Gospel calls Joseph just. Now, as St. John Chrysostom observes, a just man means one who possesses every virtue. Ah! if it be true that the power of the Saints in heaven is in proportion to their sanctity what can we not expect from thine intercession, O beloved Protector! whom God himself hath proclaimed just!

#### **EJACULATION**

St. Joseph, grant me great confidence in thy powerful intercession.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

# Eighth Visit.

patriarch of the same name who was ruler over Egypt, observes that the latter preserved the wheat, not for himself but for the people of Egypt, while the mission of the former was to guard the Bread of Life descended from heaven, for himself and tor the whole world. It is therefore for me likewise, O Saint Joseph, that thou didst guard that priceless treasure; be thou a thousand times

blessed for this favour; all myslife, I will cry out to thee:

#### **EJACULATION**

Grant me the grace to ever keep Jesus in my heart!

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

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#### NInth Visit

SAINT Joseph! when the divine Child Jesus remained in Jerusalem and thou wast thus separated from the object of thy love, thou didst weep for three days. One thought especially then afflicted thee; thou didst fear that Jesus would consider thee no longer worthy to be the guardian of so precious a treasure. However thou wert innocent, but I am not; I am a sinner and have often lost God through my fault.

#### **EJACULATION**

Saint Joseph! I beg of thee, grant me the tears of true contrition.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

#### Tenth Visit.

Hou wast already a saint before thy marriage, O well beloved Patron! but thy sanctity was greatly increased by thine union with Mary. The example alone of that chaste spouse was sufficient to sanctify thee and if Mary, as Saint Bernardin of Sienna says, is the dispenser of all the graces which God gives to men, with what profusion must she have enriched thee, ber spouse, whom she so greatly loved and by whom she was so greatly beloved.

#### EJACULATION

O Saint Joseph! obtain for me a fervent devotion to Mary.

# Eleventh Visit.

The two disciples on their way to Emmaus, during the short moments in which they might enjoy the company and conversation of our Lord, felt themselves so inflamed with divine love that they afterwards said to each other: "Was not our heart burning within us whilst he spoke in that way." What therefore should we think of the fire of holy charity which burned in the heart of Saint Joseph during the thirty years that he passed in the company of the Son of God, listening to the words of Eternal Life which flowed from his lips.

#### EJACULATION

Saint Joseph! light in my heart a spark of that divine love which inflamed thine own.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

# Twelfth Visit

HE Apostle assures us that in the other life, our Lord rewards every one according to his merits. O holy Patron! how exalted must be thy throne in heaven since thou didst render such services to Jesus during his mortal life and thou didst love him with so ardent a love.

Thy merit consists, not in having given a drink of water to a poor man in the name of Jesus, but in having supplied food and clothing to the Saviour himself, and in having saved his life from Herod's

persecution.

#### EJACULATION

O God! I thank thee for the glory with which thou hast crowned Joseph

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#### Thirteenth Visit

Saint Bernardin of Sienna says: "There can be no doubt of it, Jesus-Ohrist continues now, in heaven, to have the same tonderness and respect for Saint Joseph as he formerly manifested on earth, like a child for its father. Far from decreasing, these feelings of filial piety have become stronger than ever." Observe these words, "tenderness and respect," adds Saint Alphonsus; "they mean that the Sovereign Lord who deigned to reverence Saint Joseph as his Father herebelow, cannot refuse anything he asks of Him in heaven.

#### EJACULATION

O Saint Joseph! obtain for me the grace of perseverance.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

#### Fourteenth Visit.

Saint! that the Church sings: "An admirable privilege has rendered thee happier than the others, since it was given to thee to enjoy God during thy life and thus on earth taste of a bliss which exclusively belongs to dwellers in heaven." Ah! Jesus Christ is still present amongst us in the adorable Sacrament of the altar, and I also, O Saint Joseph! can visit our Saviour, converse with him and receive him in my heart. This I promise thee to do frequently in future with a lively faith and ardent love.

#### EJACULATION

Saint Joseph! obtain for me a livelier faith. PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

#### Fifteenth Visit

has given to other Saints power to assist us only in some particular necessity." Experience proves, on the contrary, that Saint Joseph assists us in all our needs. After that, how can I, O powerful intercessor! still fear that thou wilt refuse to assist me when I appeal to thee? Ah! I admit that I am unworthy of thy favours; but, in future, I will endeavour to deserve them by a better life; I will no longer grieve thy heart nor that of Jesus and will serve thee to my last breath.

EJACULATION

Saint Joseph, assist me in my needs. Prayer: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

#### Sixteenth Visit

in the midst of the miseries of this life, addresses us these words of Pharaoh to his people during the famine which desolated Egypt: "Go to Joseph: Ite ad Joseph. All ye who solicit favours from me, go to Joseph; I have appointed him over my household."

#### EJACULATION .

Saint Joseph! grant me the grace of always having rescourse to thee in temptations.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

#### Seventeenth Visit

Saint Joseph love for Jesus-Christ, for I am convinced that the greatest grace which Saint caeph can obtain for his devout servants is a tender

love for the Verb incarnate; he enjoys that privilege as a reward for the great affection which he

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These words explain the beautiful invitation which Holy Church puts in the month of Saint Joseph: "Come to me and ye will eat of the best which the earth produces," Yes, I will go to thee, Saint Joseph that thor mayst feed my soul with the fruits of the most excement of virtues, the fruits of divine love.

#### EJACULATION

Saint Joseph, make me to love God above all things and my neighbour as myself.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

# Eighteenth Visit

or salvation is in our hands, thou hast but to cast a kind regard upon us and we will serve the king in the joy of our souls.

Thus, O saint Joseph, well beloved Father! does Holy Church invoke thee. Alas! the world's corruption increases day by day; the evil spirit roams more than ever around us like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. But thou who didst save Jesus from the hands of his persecutors, canst also save us from Satan's rage.

Deign, therefore, to look upon us with kindness and we will joyfully serve our God and our king.

#### EJACULATION

1 will praise thy name, O Saint Joseph! because in thee, I have found aid and protection.

#### Nineteenth Visit

HAVE no doubt that after thy Holy Spouse, thou art greater in glory than all the other Saints of Paradise. Thou sayest: "He hath exalted me that I might make nations happy." But I will be eternally happy only by loving Jesus and Mary. I beg thee therefore for that love and I say to thee with Saint Bernardin of Sienna: "Remember us, O Saint Joseph! and by the credit of thy prayers, intercede for us with Him who was pleased to pass for thy Son; do still more: make the Blessed Virgin Mary propitious to us, she who was thy Spouse and and the Mother of Him, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

#### EJACULATION

Saint Joseph! pray to Jesus and Mary for me. Prayer: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

## Twentieth Visit

Saint Joseph! in my distress: Come to my aid. I have long lived offending my God; but now I wish to alter my life and serve so good a God. With full confidence I say again to thee: O Saint Joseph! come to my aid. Canst thou refuse my prayer? Does not the Church exhort me to place my hope in thee and to lay at thy feet all the miseries which fill my heart? I therefore have recourse to thee.

#### EJACULATION

Look upon me with compassion and assist me! PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

# Twenty first Visit

Jesus and in that capacity the Divine Saviour obeyed the. Thy zealous servant Saint Alphonsus concludes from this that in Heaven thy prayers are considered by Our Lord as orders; for, as Gerson says, when a father asks his son to do a thing, his request is equal to a command.

#### EJACULATION

O Father! pray to thy Son for me. PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

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# Twenty second Visit

Holy Church: "I will ever sing of thee, because thou art a powerful protector." Yes, I will publish thy praises and proclaim thy power for never have I invoked thee in vain; in my temptations whenever I have prayed to thee, I have not fallen.

#### EJACULATION

Grant me a happy death and I will praise theee eternally!

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

# Twenty-third Visit

tirely submitted to the Divine will, no one can doubt. "Do you not see him" says St. Francis de Sales. See how the angel directs him. He tells him to go to Egypt and he goes; he commands him to return and returns."

#### EJACULATION

O admirable Saint! obtain from me the grace of perfect resignation to God's will in all things.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

## Twenty-fourth Visit

Well-beloved Virgin, will I say to thee with Saint Francis de Sales, that I conjure thee by the heart of thy sweet Jesus who is king over all hearts and whom thy heart adores, to fill my soul with the fire of love which inflamed thine own. Such was the sole desire of thy Son: I am come to cast fire on the earth, he says, and what will I but that it be kindled in your hearts.

#### EJACULATION

Saint Joseph, hear my prayers.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

## Twenty fifth Visit

derly love, that God confided his Son made Man and His divine Mother. The angels envied thee the possession of this double treasure and thou couldst even ask Paradise if it were richer than thee. In fact, what angel can be compared to the Queen of Angels and what can God possess that is greater than God himself.

#### **EJACULATION**

Hail to Joseph! who didst nourish our Life and protect our Mother.

## Twenty-sixth Visit

when I hear Saint Bernard of Port Mauritius say: "Spouse of Mary of whom Jesus was born." Spouse of Mary, that is to say of that great Queen whom the Dominions, the Principalities, the Cherubim, the Seraphim are proud to serve. As Spouse of the Mother of God, Saint Joseph therefore rose above the angels and saw at his feet all other sainted creatures except the Blessed Virgin.

#### EJACULATION

Spouse of Mary! make christians to understand all that is contained in these words.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

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# Twenty-seventh Visit

with Holy Church as the sure hope of life and the support of the world.

He who places his confidence in thee will obtain the grace of not perishing, but of living eternally. Thou hast saved the world by thy powerful intercession as of old thou didst save the Saviour of mankind by fleeing into Egypt.

#### EJACULATION

Saviour of the Saviour of the world, pray for us Servator Salvatoris mundi, ora pro nobis.

PRAYER; O glorious Patriarch, etc.

# Twenty-eight Visit

brate thy glory; may all christian nations sing thy praises because, brillant with the splendor of virtue, thou wert united to the incom-

parable Virgin by the bonds of the most chaste of unions. In spite of my misery, I dare to add my voice to those which glorify thee. O Father whom I love! how great art thou in the designs of Divine Providence! thou art a lily of purity; to thee was confided, as a heavenly jewel, the purity of the Immaculate Virgin. Son of David by thy birth, thou wert destined to be called the Father of God made Man, the Father of Jesus. Thou art exalted above all the other Saints, above the angels, as Saint Leonard of Port Mauritius says, with whom I repeat this prayer.

#### EJACULATION

Rex Sunctorum, Rex Angelorum, ora pro nobis: King of Saints, King of Angels, pray for us.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

# Twenty-ninth Visit

ness because he had been able for a few moments to contemplate the Child Jesus: Now, he cried, thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word, in Peace. Foster father of Jesus, more tortunate than Simeon, thou didst enjoy the presence of the divine Saviour for many years. At the hour of thy death, Jesus was beside thee. O what a happy death! to die in the arms of Jesus and Mary by the force of love! O sairt Joseph! obtain for me the grace of being assisted by Jesus and Mary at the hour of my death, and that it may be a happy one, preserve me. I beg of thee from the misfortune of ever abandoning my Jesus during the remainder of my days.

#### EJACULATION

Dispenser of heavenly treasures, pray for us! PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

# Thirtieth Visit

ITH what splendour thy sanctity doth shine in my eyes. O Saint Joseph! when I hear the Church sing of the house which was the scene of thy life and of thy death these words of the prophet: Lord who shall dwell in thy tabernacle or shall inhabit thy holy mountain? It will be he who lives without stain and practises justice.

How saintly must thou have been to live under the same roof with Him, who is holiness itself and with the Immaculate Virgin! Saint Joseph, since Jesus comes so often into my heart, grant my prayer

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#### EJACULATION

Grant me grace to always receive God with a pure heart.

PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

# Thirty-first Visit

HEN I think of Mary, how can I not think also of thee, O saint Joseph! of thee who didst share the sufferings of the Virgin Mother and didst protect her in all dangers. Permit me to address thee these words of Saint Francis de Sales: "Great Saint Joseph, well beloved Spouse of the Mother of the well-beloved! how often didst thou bear in thine arms the love of heaven and of earth whilst, inflamed with the sweet caresses of

the Divine Child, thy soul was wrapped in happiness when he whispered tenderly in thine ears, that thou wert his cherished friend and his beloved Father.

#### BJACULATION

Grant me a more and more ardent love for Jesus!
PRAYER: O glorious Patriarch, etc.

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