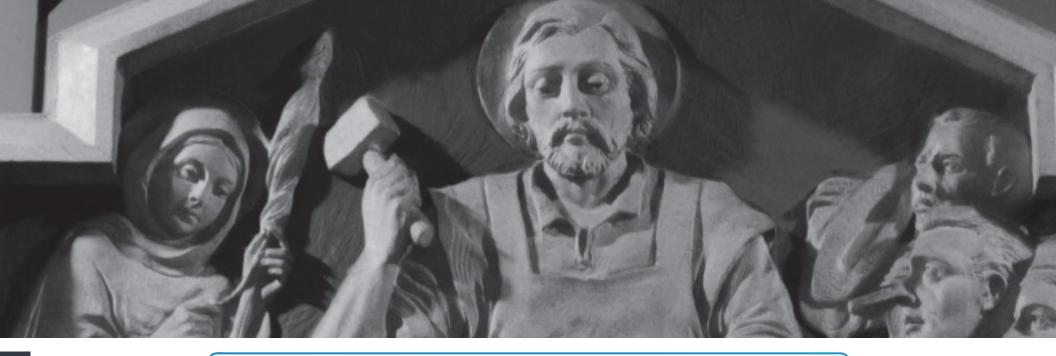




Lord,
you chose Brother André
as an apostle of Saint Joseph and friend of the afflicted.
As we offer you thanksgiving and praise
as we celebrate the tenth anniversary of his canonization
help us to imitate his life of prayer and service
in order to share with him in the joys of everlasting life.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

This prayer is said at the beginning of each day of the Novena.



Day One: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Model of Workers

Opening Prayer (text on the first page)

Reading: Mark 13: 54-58

Presider: Faithful to Brother Andre's counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to St. Joseph, the Model of Laborers.

Prayer to Joseph:

Good Saint Joseph, when God wanted a family for his Son,
He looked among the laborers, and chose you along with Mary,
demonstrating his esteem for human work.
You put your heart into your work,
and shared your workshop with Jesus.
Your work, like that of all other humans,
found new meaning in the presence of God.
Sustain us with the hope of finding work
when we are confronted with the desolation of unemployment.
Counsel business leaders to create an equitable division of labor
that is respectful of individuals and promotes our growth and happiness.
Help us to perform our work joyfully, conscientiously, fairly and honestly.
Prepare our hearts to recognize your Son in our colleagues at work. Amen.

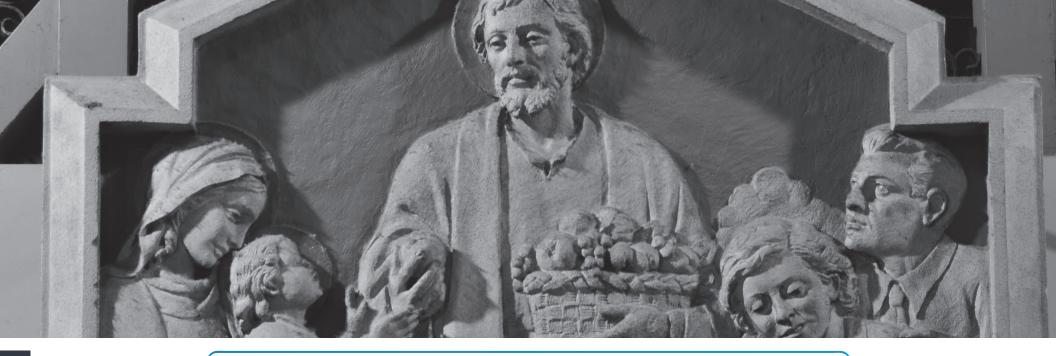
Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord God,

your servant André, inspired by the labor of St. Joseph imbued his daily work with a prayerful spirit, transforming ordinary tasks into extraordinary moments of encounter with you. As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André be with us in our daily labor and transform it by your presence so that our labor will benefit the common good of humanity and so that the dignity and rights of workers everywhere may be safeguarded until you establish the fullness of your eternal kingdom. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
The Hail Mary
The Glory be to the Father
Memorare to St. Joseph (text on final page)

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Saint André Bessette.



Day Two: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Mainstay of Families

Opening Prayer (text on the first page)

Reading: Luke 2: 41-52

Presider: Faithful to Brother André's counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to Joseph, the Mainstay of Families.

Prayer to Joseph:

Attentive Joseph, in Mary and you, the Divine Word finds a favorable environment in which to carry out the will of the Father; thus, you become the family of the Child-God. In your gentle life together, you experience love daily. The unity of your hearts transforms life's lessons into growing wisdom and grace. Open our hearts to the Word that lives within us, that our actions may bear witness to our connection to the family of God. Sustain us in our emotional commitments, where giving and forgiveness shape our identities. Grant us your tenderness in the things we do each day. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

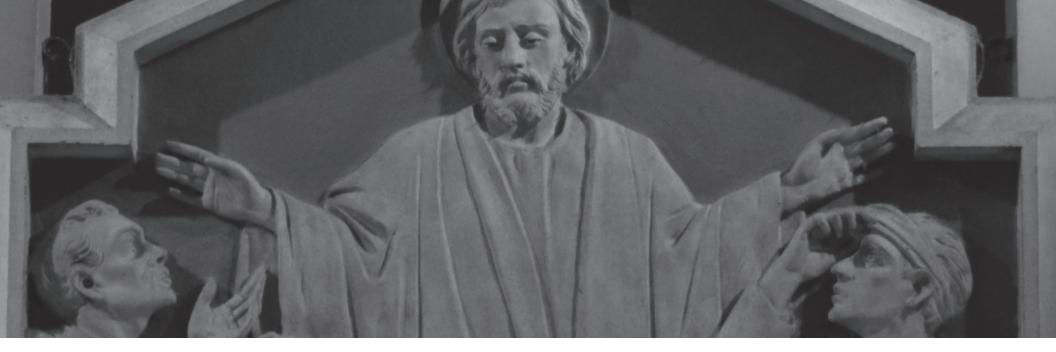
Lord God,

your servant André, inspired by the family spirit of St. Joseph turned to you as a young orphan entrusting his life to the plan of your Divine Providence.

As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André be with all families as they struggle to live the gift of unity that you planted in the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Help all families to overcome all conflict and division and so live the communion of love that you share with the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
The Hail Mary
The Glory be to the Father
Memorare to St. Joseph (text on final page)

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Saint André Bessette.



DAY THREE: BROTHER ANDRÉ, FRIEND OF ST. JOSEPH, THE HOPE OF THE SICK

Opening Prayer (text on the first page)

Reading: Mark 1: 40-45

Presider: Faithful to Brother André's counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to St. Joseph, the Hope of the Sick.

Prayer to Joseph:

Benevolent Joseph, the Son of God placed his life in your hands. With Mary, you cared for him who is the source of life. May your compassion enfold our fragility, bringing us the comfort of the divine presence. We join with you in prayer, saying: "Lord Jesus, Son of the living God, say a word for our healing!" Make us sensitive to the illnesses of those close to us. Support our efforts and grant us courage in the fight against all evil. Help us all find meaning in God's great plan for humanity beyond the sicknesses and sufferings that blind our sight. The love of God be with us, as our hope lies with Him. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord God.

your servant André, inspired by St. Joseph's confidence in your protective love entrusted the sick and suffering to you through St. Joseph's intercession. As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André be with all those who struggle physically, emotionally and spiritually and grant them a share in the healing power of your love so that unburdened by illness they may rejoice in your saving presence and so witness to the power of your grace among all humankind. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer The Hail Mary The Glory be to the Father Memorare to St. Joseph (text on final page)

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Saint André Bessette.



Day Four: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, Patron of the Dying

Opening Prayer (text on the first page)

Reading: John 11:1-6

Presider: Faithful to Brother Andre's counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to St. Joseph, the Patron of the Dying.

Prayer to Joseph:

Stay beside us to hold our hands

Faithful Joseph, with the fulfillment of the Lord's promise, you peacefully leave this world in Jesus and Mary's hands. Your faith transforms death into the sowing of life; thus, God considers you to be a just man. Your heart overflows in the presence of the Lord. With your hands outstretched to God, your night is filled with prayers. Surrounded by the living, you embark upon the great march to the promise land. Open our eyes that we might glimpse the road to life that lies beyond death. May nothing, not denial, anger, nor depression, separate us from the love of God. Strengthen our faith in God who always finds ways of preserving us in his friendship.

when we take our first steps toward the eternal kingdom. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord God,

your servant André, inspired by the holy death of St. Joseph, the just man, entrusted the dying to you through the intercession of St. Joseph As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André be with all those who draw near to the shadow of death and embrace them with the light of grace, so that trusting your sovereignty over sin and death they may embrace your gift of tender mercy and so come to share in the fullness of eternal life. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
The Hail Mary
The Glory be to the Father
Memorare to St. Joseph (text on final page)

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Saint André Bessette.



Day Five: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Protector of the Church

Opening Prayer (text on the first page)

Reading: John 17: 20-24

Presider: Faithful to Brother André's counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to Joseph, the Protector of the Church.

Prayer to Joseph:

Brave Joseph, collaborator in God's plan for humanity, your tenderness enfolds the newborn Church.
Just as Mary and Jesus recognize in you the protection of the Father, so too does the community of faith place itself under your protection.
Strengthen us with the Spirit that filled the Nazarene home and guide our footsteps on the road to the Kingdom.
Accompany us in carrying out our mission.
Help us to be lights in the world so that the family of God may spring forth from humanity transfigured in Christ.
Grant us the strength to imitate God's preference for the poor and the weak. Guide us in our pastoral activities that our actions may be modeled on the Good News. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord God,

your servant André, inspired by St. Joseph's participation in the economy of salvation responded with generous and faithful love to your call to share in the Church's mission as a religious of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André be with all who share in the gift of the Church's life and enable us, united in the body of Christ your Son, to make of your Church a refuge for the poor and marginalized who long for justice and peace. Amen!

The Lord's Prayer
The Hail Mary
The Glory be to the Father
Memorare to St. Joseph (text on final page)

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Saint André Bessette.



Day Six: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Terror of Demons

Opening Prayer (text on the first page)

Reading: Matthew 17: 14-21

Presider: Faithful to Brother Andre's counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to St. Joseph, the Terror of Demons.

Prayer to Joseph:

Courageous Joseph, advised by an angel, you confronted your fears of the unknown. Your light shines brightly, penetrating the dark corners of your being. Your fears dispersed, you rediscover your true face, and actively participated in the divine plan reuniting mother and Child, and the people with their God. Together with Mary and Jesus, you dwell in the love of God. Help us to rediscover the united core of our identities, beyond all internal fears. Counsel us so we may build a better world to welcome the coming Kingdom. Shed your light on our inner lives that, freed from the grips of our fears, our decisions may be founded in love. May the face of God shine on us! Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord God,

your servant André, inspired by St. Joseph's courageous action in safeguarding Jesus from those who sought his life, cooperated with your grace in his own struggle against evil. As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André be with all people as we struggle to resist the allurements of the evil one. May we humbly acknowledge our need for your saving power, so that nudged by grace, we may choose to walk in the light of your truth. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
The Hail Mary
The Glory be to the Father
Memorare to St. Joseph (text on final page)

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Saint André Bessette.



Day Seven: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Guardian of the Pure in Heart

Opening Prayer (text on the first page)

Reading: Matthew 5: 3-11

Presider: Faithful to Brother André's counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to Joseph, the Guardian of the Pure in Heart.

Prayer to Joseph:

Gentle Joseph, God is captivated by the quality of your heart.
Your entire being is focused on doing his will.
With Jesus and Mary, you answer the Holy Spirit's call to build a better world.
With one heart, we join you in saying, "Here we are, Lord, we come to do your will."
Your kingdom come nearer to us!"
Keep the hope of a new world alive in our hearts.

Inspire us to speak words of tenderness to awaken the love of hearts. May we draw the energy for our actions from the source of all love so our faces may shine with the freedom of the children of God. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord God.

your servant André, inspired by the chaste love of St. Joseph entrusted his whole being to you through his religious vows, an act of love for the God who first loved him.

As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André inspire in all people the desire to entrust their lives completely to you, And to live that purity of heart that will enable us, to share one day in the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
The Hail Mary
The Glory be to the Father
Memorare to St. Joseph (text on final page)

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Saint André Bessette.



DAY EIGHT: BROTHER ANDRÉ, FRIEND OF ST. JOSEPH, OUR SOLACE IN SUFFERING

Opening Prayer (text on the first page)

Reading: Luke 8: 22-25

Presider: Faithful to Brother André's counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to st. Joseph, our Solace in Suffering.

Prayer to Joseph:

Compassionate Joseph, one with us in our human condition, together with Mary and Jesus you experienced exile, hunger and violence. Refusing vengeance, you choose mercy. Your forgiveness breaks the circle of violence. Through your goodness, God's hope for our humanity is preserved.

Joy is yours, for the Kingdom of God is your inheritance.

Open our compassionate hands in times of war, famine and exile.

Keep us from developing a victim's mentality, and make our pain a source of growth. Sustain us in fulfilling our responsibility of cultivating inner peace, joy and serenity. In your wisdom, counsel us to close all doors to bitterness So that, watched over by God, we may dance for joy. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord God.

your servant André, inspired by the compassion of st. Joseph, entrusted his suffering to Joseph's fatherly intercession, and found in prayer the gifts of solace and hope.

As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André be with all those who suffer, especially from our inhumanity to one another, and inspire us to reach beyond our own suffering to bring the solace of your good news to those who wait in joyful hope for the coming of your Kingdom. Amen

The Lord's Prayer
The Hail Mary
The Glory be to the Father
Memorare to St. Joseph (text on final page)

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Saint André Bessette.



Day Nine: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary

Opening Prayer (text on the first page)

Reading: Matthew 1: 18-21

Presider: Faithful to Brother André's counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary.

Prayer to Joseph:

Faithful Joseph, husband of Mary, the Mother of God, your fidelity to God's law and your love for your espoused wife led you to the compassionate decision to send her away in secret. Yet, your fidelity to God's Spirit within you, enabled you to hear God's great longing for the redemption of humanity and to respond with passion and courage to God's invitation to move beyond fear and to welcome Mary into your home as your wife. Intercede for us and beg of the Father the gift of his Spirit to inspire in us dreams of courageous fidelity and love and to enable in us their completion so that like you, we may be numbered one day among the saints of God. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord God.

your servant André, inspired by St. Joseph's fidelity to Mary turned to you as the inspiration and end of all faithful love.
As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André be with us as we struggle to live in faithful love the commitments that your love first inspired us to make so that our lives might be for others a sacramental sign of your saving love. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
The Hail Mary
The Glory be to the Father
Memorare to St. Joseph (text on final page)

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Saint André Bessette.



MEMORARE TO ST. JOSEPH



Remember, 0 most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never has it been know that anyone who asked for your help and sought your intercession was left unaided.

Full of confidence in your powerful intercession,

I hasten to you and beg your protection.

Listen, 0 foster father of the Redeemer,

to my humble prayer

and in your goodness hear and answer me.

Amen.

