

## PRAYERS FROM THE VOTIVE CHAPEL OF SAINT JOSEPH'S ORATORY

### **JOSEPH, GUARDIAN OF THE PURE IN HEART**

Gentle Joseph, God is captivated by the quality of your heart. Your entire being is focused on doing his will. With Mary and Jesus, you answer the Holy Spirit's call to build a better world. With one heart, we join you in saying: "Here we are, Lord, your will be done!

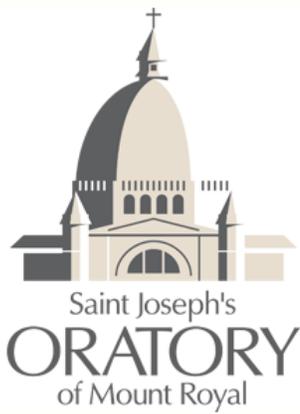
Your kingdom come nearer to us!"  
Keep the hope of a new world alive in our hearts. Inspire us to speak words of tenderness to awaken the love of hearts. May we draw the energy for our actions from the source of all Love so our faces may shine with the freedom of the children of God. Amen.

### **JOSEPH, MODEL OF LABOURERS**

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 share your workshop with Jesus. Your work, like that of other humans, found new meaning in the presence of God.

Sustain us in 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.



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### **JOSEPH, HOPE OF THE SICK**

Benevolent Joseph, the Son of God placed his life in your hands. With Mary, you cared for Him who is the force 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 Living God, say a word for our healing!"

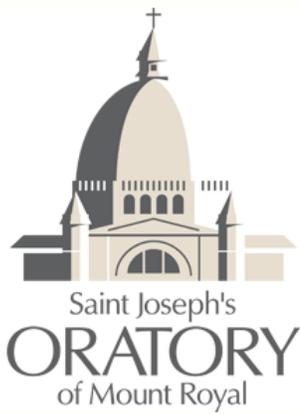
Make us sensitive to the illnesses of those close to us. Support our efforts and grant us courage in the fight against all evil. Help us to find meaning in God's great project for humanity beyond the sicknesses and sufferings that blind our sight. The love of God be with us, as our hope lies with Him. Amen.

### **JOSEPH, PROTECTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Brave Joseph, collaborator in God's project 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 weak. Guide us in our pastoral activities that our actions may be modeled on the Good News. Amen.



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### **JOSEPH, OUR SOLACE IN SUFFERING**

Compassionate Joseph, one with us in our human condition, together with Mary and Jesus you experience 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.

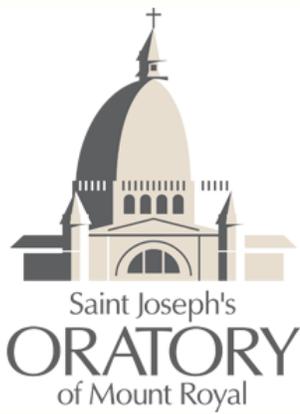
### **JOSEPH, MAINSTAY OF FAMILIES**

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.



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### **JOSEPH, PATRON SAINT OF THE DYING**

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 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. Amen

### **JOSEPH, TERROR OF DEMONS**

Courageous Joseph, advised by an angel, you confront 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 participate in the divine project 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 grip of our fears, our decisions may be founded in Love.

May the face of God shine on us! Amen.