

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH



O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God! O Guardian and Father of the Word Incarnate! As we consecrate ourselves and our families in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga to your patronage, in the presence of Jesus and Mary, we choose you this day to be our father, our guardian, and our protector.

St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept us to be members of your "Holy House." Present us to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt us as her children. With her, pray that we may constantly think of Jesus, and serve him faithfully to the end of our lives. O Terror of Demons, increase in us virtue, protect us from the evil one, and help us not to offend God in any way.

Dear St Joseph, our spiritual father, we consecrate ourselves to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, we place ourselves and all our concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, we consecrate our bodies and souls, with all our gifts, our spiritual growth, our homes, and all our affairs and undertakings.

Adopt us as servants and children of the Holy Family. Watch over us at all times, and especially at the hour of our death. Console and strengthen us with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, we may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity. Amen.

(Adapted from Fr Donald Calloway's book *Consecration to St Joseph*)