

St Joseph – Tender and Loving

“Listen! God’s call at this time is to be audacious ... raising our consciousness of love.”

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With St Joseph as our guide, may we commit to loving tenderly and consciously, to being selfless and intentional in our relationships with the cosmos and with all people, especially those “excluded and made vulnerable.”

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“In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God. ... In the synagogue, during the praying of the Psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love who is good to all, whose ‘compassion is over all that he has made’ (*Psalms 145:9*).” Pope Francis

Let us ask Joseph to obtain for us a generous devoted love for Jesus, a love that will make us like himself ... A love that, ... will make us delight in serving him in His poor, and His neglected little ones. ... And this love of Christ cannot exist in our hearts without enabling us to live in perfect charity and love.

Mary MacKillop (1893)

How do I show love for God’s creation and for God’s ‘neglected little ones’?

When have I experienced or provided tender loving?

In what ways does St Joseph inspire me to love and tenderness?

Prayer

May the tender love with which Joseph embraced Jesus and Mary become a reality in our lives.

May it renew and support us in raising our consciousness of love through our respect for all creation and our loving concern for every person.

Amen



St Joseph with Jesus, Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney

St Joseph, Deeply Loved – pray for us

St Joseph, Tender and Loving – pray for us