

St Joseph - the Accepting One

Joseph's lived experience of God's love led him to accept very difficult situations. Relationships, rather than the letter of the law guided him in making loving and courageous decisions.

"The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law, he made dependent on charity. The spiritual path that he traces for us is not one that explains but accepts." Pope Francis

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Mary MacKillop (1909)

Imitating Joseph's discerning heart, and his tender care of Mary and Jesus, we will open ourselves to a new tenderness among ourselves and in our relationships.

Prayer

Joseph we honour you;
In your unconditional love
and protection of Mary...
In your courageous trust
in God's provident care...
In your silent listening to the
whisperings of God in your heart...
In your acceptance of the
mysterious action of God in your life
In your nurturing love
for Mary and Jesus...
In your fatherly instruction of Jesus
in the ways of wisdom, love, mercy
and forgiveness.

Amen



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St Joseph, Deeply Loved – pray for us
St Joseph, Tender and Loving – pray for us
St Joseph, the Obedient One – pray for us
St Joseph, the Accepting One – pray for us