

THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH


LITURGICAL PRAYERS — MARCH 19

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

CF. LUKE 12:42


*Behold, a faithful and prudent steward,
whom the Lord set over his household.*

COLLECT:

rant, we pray, almighty God,
that by saint Joseph's intercession
your Church may constantly watch over
the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation,
whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:

e pray, O Lord,
that, just as Saint Joseph served with loving care
your Only Begotten son, born of the Virgin Mary,
so we may be worthy to minister
with a pure heart at your altar.


Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

MATTHEW 25:21

*Well done, good and faithful servant.
Come, share your master's joy.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

efend with unfailing protection,
O Lord, we pray,
the family you have nourished with food from this altar,
as they rejoice at the solemnity of Saint Joseph,
and graciously keep safe your gifts among them.

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PREFACE: *THE MISSION OF SAINT JOSEPH*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
and on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph
to give you fitting praise,
to glorify you and bless you.

For this just man was given by you
as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God
and set as a wise and faithful servant
in charge of your household
to watch like a father over your Only Begotten Son,
who was conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty,
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim
worship together with exultation.

May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in humble praise, as we acclaim: *Holy, holy, holy...*

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE:

May the Christian people exult, O Lord,
at the glorification of the illustrious members of your Son's Body,
and may they gain a share in the eternal lot
of the Saints on whose feast day
they reaffirm their devotion to you,
rejoicing with them for ever in your glory.

Through Christ our Lord.

or:

Turn the hearts of your people
always to you, O Lord, we pray,
and, as you give them the help of such great patrons as these,
grant also the unfailing help of your protection.

Through Christ our Lord.