



***Caring for the sick and dying:  
the respect owed to life***

## **Prayer to St Joseph, Patron Saint of the Dying**

Faithful Joseph, with the fulfilment 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 to be 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.

Open our eyes that we may glimpse the road to Life that lies beyond death.

May nothing, not denial, anger, nor depression, separate us from the Love of God.

Strengthen our faith in God who always finds ways of preserving us in his friendship.

Be beside us to hold our hands when we take our first steps toward the Eternal Kingdom.

**Amen**

## **Prayer to St Joseph for a Happy Death**

O Blessed Joseph, who yielded up thy last breath in the arms of Jesus and Mary, obtain for me this grace, O holy Joseph, that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul."

**Amen**

### **Day for Life in the Year of St Joseph**

Pope Francis has made 2021 the year of St Joseph. Given the theme of this year's Day for Life, this is extremely poignant when we consider the role St Joseph plays as the patron saint of the sick and dying.

It is important we pray for a culture where life, is valued in all its vulnerability. As well as prayer it is also important to donate to support the work of pro-life organisations as they seek to promote and protect life from conception until its natural death. Please donate via the above QR

