

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR ONE'S FRIENDS

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*Joseph, in caring for Christ our Lord
you cared for all who are 'in Christ',
all who are His
because by His gift they share in His life:
into your loving care I confidently entrust
my friends and all who are dear to me,
all who have asked my prayers,
all for whom I ought to pray
(especially those whom I have injured)
and all who have no one to pray for them --
especially those who, lost to themselves,
have not even themselves.
Do for them, Joseph, everything you did
for the Son of God, who called you 'Father.'
To Him present them, Joseph,*

*asking Him with a father's confidence
to receive them for ever
into the shelter of His most Sacred Heart.*