

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR THE CHURCH

(Note: This prayer was taken from the booklet "Devotions to Saint Joseph" by Brian Moore, S.J., printed and published by the Society of St. Paul.)

*Great St. Joseph, you were chosen by God
to be the reputed father of Jesus,
the chaste husband of Mary ever-Virgin,
and head of the Holy Family;
you were elected by the Vicar of Christ
to be the heavenly Patron and Protector
of the Church founded by Jesus Christ.
With the greatest confidence, therefore,
I ask your powerful aid in this day
for the entire Church on earth.
Protect in a special manner
with your true fatherly love
our Holy Father, the Pope,
and all the Bishops and priests
who are united to the See of St. Peter;*

*defend all those who labor for souls
in the midst of the trials and difficulties of this life;
and win for all nations
unity of faith under one Shepherd.*