

## ***PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR THOSE IN ONE'S CARE***

*(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, to your loving care  
were entrusted the Son of God made man  
and His Holy Mother, the ever-virgin Mary:  
hear and answer the prayer I make to you  
on behalf of those who have been  
entrusted to my care and keeping  
by the same Providence as chose you.  
Win for me this grace above all else  
that nothing I do or say  
shall ever obscure the face of God for them,  
or cause them to love Him less.  
Give them that same fatherly love and protection  
as you gave the Child and His Mother --  
protect them from harm,  
keep them from evil,*

*counsel them in doubt,  
give them the gladness  
that is the inheritance of God's children.  
May your prayers be of such avail for them  
that nothing may ever blight their growth;  
bring them safe to maturity,  
and to full stature in Christ Jesus our Lord.*