

## ***THE 'OCTOBER' PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH***

*(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. It was written by Leo XIII and is commonly said after praying Our Lady's Rosary.)*

*To you blessed Joseph, we come  
for we are in need.*

*We have asked the help of Mary, your wife,  
and with confidence we ask, too, for your help.*

*Remember the love with which you were  
united to the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of  
God;*

*remember the father's love you had  
for the Child Jesus you carried in your arms.*

*By those two loves we pray you  
look with love on the human race,  
which Jesus our Lord won by His blood.*

*Help us with your power in all our needs.*

*You were a careful provider for the Holy Family:*

*protect, then, the chosen people of Jesus Christ.  
As a loving father, keep far from us  
all that could lead us wrong or corrupt us.  
Our warfare is with the power of darkness:  
in your kindness, mighty Defender,  
help us from your place in heaven.  
Long ago, you rescued the Child Jesus  
from the danger which threatened His life:  
defend, now, the holy Church of God  
from the traps the Enemy lays,  
and from all adversity.  
Keep us, everyone, in your continuing care.  
Strengthened by your example,  
aided by your assistance,  
may we have the strength to lead a good life,  
die a happy death, and come finally to possess  
the everlasting happiness of heaven.*

