

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH, FROM  
DECEMBER 8, 2020 TO DECEMBER 8, 2021** (from the Vatican)

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From the conclusion of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter ***Patris Corde*** on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
In you Mary placed her trust;  
With you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*