

# *Year of* **ST. JOSEPH**



## **Prayer to St. Joseph by Pope Pius X**

*Pope Pius X composed this prayer to St. Joseph, patron of working people, that expresses concisely the Christian attitude toward labour. It summarizes also for us the lessons of the Holy Family's work at Nazareth.*

### **Prayer:**

Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who devote their lives to labour, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in order thereby to atone for my many sins; to work conscientiously, setting devotion to duty in preference to my own whims; to work with thankfulness and joy, deeming it an honour to employ and to develop by my labour the gifts I have received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties; to work above all with a pure intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes the hour of death and the accounting which I must then render of time ill spent, of talents wasted, of good omitted, and of vain complacency in success, which is so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all in imitation of you,  
O Patriarch Joseph! This shall be my motto in life and in death,  
Amen.

*Prayer Source: Family for Families, The by Francis L. Filas, S.J., The Bruce Publishing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1947*