

## Prayer for the Blessing of St. Joseph's Altar

*Let us remember*

*that we are in the Holy Presence of God...*

Prayers of thanksgiving and of petition:

*For whom or for what shall we pray?*

From the Litany to St. Joseph

St. Joseph, descendant of David and light of the Patriarchs, **pray for us.**

St. Joseph, spouse of Mary and foster-father of Jesus, "

St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family and protector of the Church,

Joseph, chaste and just, **pray for us.**

Joseph, prudent and courageous, "

Joseph, obedient and faithful,

Joseph, model of workers and pillar of families,

Joseph, hope of the sick and comfort of the dying,

Joseph, protector of our Institute and patron of this Altar, **pray for us.**

From the Blessing of St. Joseph's Altar

**O, glorious St. Joseph, we come before this Altar with joyful and grateful hearts. We lovingly present to you the labor of our hands and the dedication of our hearts which have fashioned this Altar in your honor. We place ourselves under your powerful protection. Help us follow your example of complete trust and faith in Divine Providence. Open our minds and hearts to love and serve the hungry, the poor, the suffering, and those ignored or rejected by society. As a family, teach us to love and honor each member of our own families with the love and reverence you had for Mary and Jesus. As a school community, teach us to care for one another and for the children entrusted to us with thoughtfulness and with graciousness. As a nation, inspire in us the will and the way to live in peace.**

**Dear St. Joseph, bless this Altar and all who share in it.**

St. Joseph, our beloved patron, **pray for us**

St. John Baptist De La Salle, **pray for us.**

Live, Jesus, in our hearts, **for ever.**

(Arranged by Brother Richard Kovatch)