



# THE CHURCH TEACHES



In solidarity with the Holy Father’s proclamation of a “Year of Saint Joseph”, dioceses and eparchies all over Canada will celebrate an **Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph**, on Thursday, **1<sup>st</sup> July** (Canada Day). The *Act of Entrustment* will be **preceded by a Novena** imploring Saint Joseph’s intercession for the welfare of the entire country, for the many needs of society, and to pray in particular for those who passed away due to COVID-19. The *Novena* will begin on **Tuesday, 22 June** and end on **Wednesday 30 June**.

A resource document (in English and French) is available on the CCCB

website: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/novena-and-act-of-entrustment-to-saint-joseph/>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAY 1 PRAYER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For an End to the Coronavirus Pandemic</i></p> <p><b>Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, for an end to the coronavirus pandemic, that the sick may experience healing, the dying, peace, healthcare workers, strength, and our leaders, wisdom.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAY 2 PRAYER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Those Who Have Died</i></p> <p><b>Saint Joseph, Patron of Canada, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, for those who have died, that all who have passed from this world may attain a share in eternal happiness in the kingdom of heaven.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAY 3 PRAYER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For the Family, the Domestic Church</i></p> <p><b>Saint Joseph, beloved father, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, for the domestic church, that its members may imitate the Holy Family in practising the virtues of Christian family life so that, one day, they may delight in eternal rewards.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAY 4 PRAYER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Peace and Unity in Our Country</i></p> <p><b>Saint Joseph, tender and loving father, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, that the people of Canada may know the peace which comes from God and be always united in a fraternal spirit.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAY 5 PRAYER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For an End to Racism and Discrimination</i></p> <p><b>Saint Joseph, obedient father, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, that we may be given the wisdom and courage to address the persistent sins of racism and discrimination that we may work toward systems that support the dignity of every person and promote respect for all.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAY 6 PRAYER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life</i></p> <p><b>Saint Joseph, accepting father, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, to give to the Church an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, filled with zeal for the work of evangelization.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAY 7 PRAYER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Youth and the Elderly</i></p> <p><b>Saint Joseph, creatively courageous father, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, that we may honour and cherish the youth and the elderly by defending, protecting and caring for them, as you cared for your Son and the Blessed Virgin Mary.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAY 8 PRAYER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Workers, Especially Frontline Workers, and for the Unemployed</i></p> <p><b>Saint Joseph, working father, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, that we may complete the life-giving work that God, Creator of all things, has set us to accomplish and attain the promised rewards.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAY 9 PRAYER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For the Needy, the Addicted and the Excluded</i></p> <p><b>Saint Joseph, father in the shadows, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, for the needy, the addicted and the excluded, that these who live in the shadows of this world may find relief through the Father’s loving mercy.</b></p>