

PRAYERS IN HONOUR OF St. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Prayer to St. Joseph to be recited by students particularly during examination time:

O humble, St. Joseph of Cupertino, ever helpful to those who seek your aid; hear me in my present need. By that love which carried you to God, and by that burning affection which made you a devoted son of the Mother of our Saviour, and a loyal follower of your spiritual father, St. Francis of Assisi, help me to be a successful student. Grant that the seed which I am sowing may bear a rich harvest. Help me to, be attentive to my studies so that I may profit by them, and particularly that I may undergo examinations without fear. Oh good St. Joseph you know well the trials and tribulations of students. Intercede for me that I might be successful through the goodness of God. I placed my trust entirely in your hands, realizing that so long as I work for the honour and glory of God, that hope will not be in vain. Amen.

During the time of your tests and examinations, the young seminarians of the sanctuary of St. Joseph of Cupertino will unite with you and support your prayers at the altar in Osimo (Italy), where the saint reposes and watches. Have faith!

Prayer to St. Joseph of Cupertino for help in leading a good life:

O glorious St. Joseph of Cupertino, who in this life spoke constantly to the hearts of the faithful through heroic virtues and marvelous wonders by the hand of God, turn to us who implore your blessing. Arouse in our hearts some spark of that divine love which so inflamed your soul, so that we may desire nothing more than to please God all the days of our lives. And just as you were lifted up from the earth in ecstasy on hearing the names of Jesus and Mary, pray that we, too, may detach ourselves from the things of earth, realise the vanity of the world, detest our sins and obtain pardon from them. Strengthen our faith, O good St. Joseph, revive our hope and inflame our love, so that we may have Jesus always in our minds and hearts, and after a good Christian death may merit to enjoy His glory with you in paradise. Amen.

When praying, let us follow the counsel of St Joseph of Cupertino: "The most powerful means of obtaining a favour from God is holy indifference in full resignation to his will." Our prayer is always heard: Divine Providence either gives the requested favour or prepares us for grace infinitely greater. The best way to give thanks is to be obedient in all things to the will of God and to imitate the virtues of St Joseph of Cupertino.

Prayer of thanks:

I give you thanks, O my God, for having heard me, but much more because you have infused an immense faith in You into my heart. I always want to say, your will be done"; Your will is my greatest good. I thank the beloved Saint Joseph who has presented You his merits on my behalf and has been a second Guardian Angel to me.

If you require further information of the life and merits of this great saint please write to St Joseph of Cupertino Friary, Dimar Court Dingley Victoria 2172.