

## Society of Saint Joseph Blessing

Creator of all that lives, from the beginning of time you have entrusted to women and men the gifts of Creation itself that they may bring forth abundant blessings from your gracious hand. From our first parents and down through the ages, from humble shepherds to royal rulers, skilled laborers to fearless prophets, your people handed on a legacy of faith until it bore fruit in the womb of Mary and was protected by the love of Joseph.

Now in your Son we have all been given Christ's mission to plant the seeds of the Gospel that it may flourish not for our sake alone but for the good of generations to come.

## Bless us now, we who continue the legacy of Joseph.

Like him, may we dedicate our lives to watching over the Church, the body of Christ that you have entrusted to us. Increase our faith with Joseph's courage who placed his trust in you even when the future was uncertain. Open our hearts with Joseph's generosity who gave his heart to Mary and Jesus. And fill our lives with Joseph's joy in knowing that our faith in Christ, through the grace of the Spirit, will live on beyond our days. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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