

## ANCIENT PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH



*Oh, Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, and so prompt before the throne of God,*

*I place in you all my interest and desires.*

*Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.*

*Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms;*

*I dare not approach while he rests near your heart.*

*Press him close in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.*

*Oh, Saint Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.*