
Conditions For The Plenary Indulgence During The Year Of St. Joseph

"The gift of indulgences that the Apostolic Penitentiary, through the present Decree issued in accordance with the will of Pope Francis, kindly bestows during the Year of St. Joseph will greatly benefit the perfect achievement of the intended purpose.

The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father) to the faithful who, with a soul detached from any sin, will participate in the Year of Saint Joseph on occasions and with the modalities indicated by this Apostolic Penitentiary.

-to. Saint Joseph, an authentic man of faith, invites us to rediscover the filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and to correspond with profound discernment to the will of God. Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes the prayer of the Our Father, or they will take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.

-b. The Gospel attributes to St. Joseph the nickname of "just man" (cf. Mt 1:19): he, guardian of the "intimate secret that lies at the bottom of the heart and soul" [1], depositary of the mystery of God, and therefore the ideal patron of the internal forum, urges us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in fulfilling one's duties. The virtue of justice practiced in an exemplary way by Joseph is full adherence to the divine law, which is the law of mercy, "because it is precisely the mercy of God that brings true justice to fulfillment" [2]. Therefore, those who, following the example of St. Joseph, will carry out a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, will also be able to obtain the gift of Plenary indulgence.

-c. The main aspect of Joseph's vocation was to be guardian of the Holy Family of Nazareth, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and legal father of Jesus. So that all Christian families are stimulated to recreate the same climate of intimate communion, love and prayer that was lived in the Holy Family, a plenary indulgence is granted for the recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and between engaged couples.

-d. The Servant of God Pius XII, on May 1, 1955, instituted the feast of St. distribution of rights and duties" [3]. The plenary indulgence can therefore be achieved by anyone who entrusts their activity daily to the protection of St. everyone is more dignified.

-is. The flight of the Holy Family to Egypt "shows us that God is where man is in danger, where man suffers, where he runs away, where he experiences rejection and abandonment" [4]. The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who will recite the Litanies to St. Joseph (for the Latin tradition), or the Akathistos to St. Joseph, in whole or at least some of it (for the Byzantine tradition), or some other prayer to St. Joseph, proper to other liturgical traditions, in favor of the Church persecuted ad intra and add extra and for the relief of all Christians who suffer every form of persecution." - Mauro Card. Piacenza, Decree