

Morning Prayer- Feast of Mother Josepha

It is a very special morning; the day has dawned with beautiful intention. At dawn all creation is awake and gives praise to God in whatever form that they can give. The flowers praise God with their cosmic fragrance, birds with their sweet melody, the trees by fluttering their branches and the rest in their unique manner praise God the creator. Along with the creation let us become aware of God being present within us and around us and honor him.



Now may I invite you dear sisters to stand up, as we do the Aarti honoring the divine and receive the light of Christ.

- **Aarti (Play or sing any Aarti song)**

Today we celebrate the feast of Mother Josepha - our co-foundress. Mother Josepha says, "Prayer is a trusting converse of the soul with God." Yes, prayer which comes from the depths of our hearts connects us fast with the Lord. Let us use this sacred moments of the day to converse with Him, to raise our hearts in gratitude to Him.

Dear God, we thank you for this special occasion where we have gathered together as one family to celebrate the feast of mother Josepha. We thank you for the gift of our lives. Thank you for the guidance and protection which we have experienced throughout this night. We thank you Holy Spirit for being in our rising, in our resting, in our dreaming and in our daring. We thank you Jesus, for unfolding your love in us. In a special way we thank you for the gift of mother Josepha- our role model, and co foundress.

Thanksgiving to our God is the inner freedom of expressing and experiencing his love within our hearts. So dear sisters, let us join our hearts to thank and praise Him through this hymn.

(Thanks giving song)

Mother Josepha was a woman of deep faith. It is Mother Josepha's faith in Triune God and tremendous devotion of Holy Spirit that led her to be open and attentive to the world's need which led her to be the Co-foundress of our congregation. Innocence and simplicity, childlike joyfulness and fear of the Lord were found in her. As the eldest of five, she had to take her mother's place at home after her early death. She exemplified calmness, selfless nature and deep piety in all her undertakings. She was sincerely loved and esteemed by all.

On 12th February, 1884 she entered as the forth servant maiden. She was loved by the sisters and was not just a pious little praying sister but also had a responsible sprit, modest, obedient and firm decisive sprit. She was unassuming and gifted with noble piety. She put herself the last seeking no honor and she knew how to console and encourage others by saying "To God the honor, the benefit

to the neighbors and myself the burden.” She prayed at every breath of her life, “Come Holy Spirit” and even at her death bed she prayed Come Holy Spirit. Such was her communion with the Holy Spirit.

Now I invite you dear sisters to pause for a while, reflect over the life of Mother Josepha and pick up one of the qualities, which you would like to adapt for your life. After which you’re welcome to voice it out.

- All voice out the quality
- Let us pray in honor of Mother Josepha from prayer book Page (138)
- Prayer of petition

As we sing creator Sprit, we shall implore her blessings that we may practice the same virtue which we have adapted from Mother Josepha.

- **Creator Spirit**

Concluding prayer:

O God through the inspiration through the Holy Spirit ,led blessed Josepha, virgin, to dedicate her life to spread of the faith, grant us through her intercession that, always growing in love ,we may bear witness in the world to your goodness .We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

- **Angelus**

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“Prayer is the practice of the presence of God. It is the place where pride is abandoned, hope is lifted, and supplication is made.”
