

Second Day

St. Joseph, Faithful Spouse and Father of His Family



Antiphon

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was betrothed to Joseph and before living together, was found with child through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Reading: Lk. 12, 35-44

"This is the faithful and wise servant."

Reflection:

"In the house of Nazareth, Jesus was subject to both Mary and Joseph, just as a child is subject to his parents. The Holy Family spent 30 years of this hidden life of Nazareth. The Son of God -the one sent by the Father - is hidden from the world, hidden from all men, even from those around him Only Mary and Joseph were at the heart of this mystery living it day after day. The Son of the Eternal Father appears before men as their son, the son of a carpenter. During his 30 years of earthly life he remained hidden, hidden behind the shadow of Joseph. At the same time Mary and Joseph remained." (cf. John Paul II, General Audience, 3-19-80)

Invocations:

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
I give you my heart and my soul!
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Assist me in my last agony!
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
May I breathe forth my soul
In peace with you.*

Or

*Saint Joseph, permit us to remain
Always faithful to the vocation received.
Saint Joseph, assist us in the care
Of the sick.
Saint Joseph, help us in our sorrows
and difficulties*

Prayer

Lord, in calling to mind Saint Joseph, we remember his fidelity and generosity, his silence and simplicity. Grant that in our daily lives we may always remain faithful to our baptismal promises and religious profession, being simple, humble and poor so that we may be united to Christ in his mysteries and remain at the side of the sick always accomplishing your divine will. We ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.