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*“For which cause God also hath exalted him,
and hath given him a name which is above all
names: That in the name of Jesus every knee
should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth,
and under the earth.”* —Philippians 2:9–10

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*This booklet is lovingly dedicated
to the Sweet Mother of Jesus.
No one loves the name of Jesus
as she does.*

LETTERS OF APPROBATION

The Wonders of the Holy Name has received the warmest approval of many Archbishops and Bishops. We quote two of these:

CARDINAL'S PALACE, LISBON
March 4, 1947

I approve and recommend with all my heart the little book entitled "The Wonders of the Holy Name."

* M. Cardinal Patriarca



NUNCIATURA APOSTÓLICA
IN PORTUGAL

March 7, 1947

My Dear Father Paul O'Sullivan,

My cordial thanks for the kind offer of your beautiful book, *The Wonders of the Holy Name*, which I have read with much interest. I see that it explains with great clearness and precision the doctrine of the Holy Name, a doctrine so dear to the Church.

Certainly the perusal of this book will enkindle in the hearts of its readers a boundless confidence in the Omnipotence of the Holy Name.

I am, therefore, very pleased to approve warmly this latest work of yours, which is a worthy link in the long chain of your zealous and useful publications.

Blessing you with all my heart, I remain with the highest esteem,

Yours very sincerely,
✠ PETER CIRIACI, Archbishop of Tarsus
Apostolic Nuncio

LETTER FROM THE MASTER GENERAL
OF THE DOMINICAN ORDER

SANTA SABINA

August 29, 1945

To the Reverend Father Paul H. O'Sullivan

Reverend Dear Father:

We are aware of how you have dedicated yourself for the past fifty years to all kinds of Catholic Propaganda, especially the Propaganda of the Press.

Your activity has been indeed marvelous. Now you have launched a veritable crusade in favor of the Holy Name of Jesus, a crusade which has been crowned with very great success.

All this fills our heart with joy, and therefore we send you our paternal blessing and the blessing of our Holy Father St, Dominic.

We beg you to accept the assurance of our sincere affection.

Fr. M. S. Gillet, O.P.
Master General

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To the Reader

Dear Friend,

Read this booklet slowly and with attention, not once, but many times, and you will thank God all the rest of your life.

It will give you much happiness, and it will enable you to obtain from God wonderful graces and blessings.

It teaches the wonders of the Holy Name of Jesus, which few Christians understand.

The frequent repetition of this divine name will save you from much suffering and great dangers.

The world is now threatened with the direst calamities. Each one of us can do much to save himself from the impending evils, and we can do much to help the world, the Church and our Holy Father the Pope, simply by repeating frequently, "*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.*" (See page 3).

—The Author

THE WONDERS OF
THE HOLY NAME

Chapter 1

The Wonders of the Holy Name

We have been hearing and have been repeating from childhood the Holy Name of Jesus, but alas, many, very many, have no adequate idea of the great wonders of this Holy Name!

What do you know, Dear Reader, about the Name of Jesus? You know that it is a holy name and that you must bow your head reverently when you say it. That is very little. It is as if you looked at a closed book and merely glanced at the title on the cover. You know nothing of all the beautiful thoughts in the book itself.

Even so, when you pronounce the Name of Jesus you know very little of the treasures hidden in it.

This Divine Name is in truth a mine of riches; it is the fount of the highest holiness and the secret of the greatest happiness that a man can hope to enjoy on this earth. Read and see.

It is so powerful, so certain, that it never fails to produce in our souls the most wonderful results. It consoles the saddest heart and makes the weakest sinner strong. It obtains for us all kinds of favors

and graces, spiritual and temporal.

Two things we must do. First of all, we must understand clearly the meaning and value of the Name of Jesus.

Secondly, we must get into the habit of saying it devoutly, frequently, hundreds and hundreds of times every day. Far from being a burden, it will be an immense joy and consolation.

Chapter 2

What Does the Name of Jesus Mean?

The Holy Name of Jesus is, first of all, an all-powerful prayer. Our Lord Himself solemnly promises that whatever we ask the Father in His Name we shall receive. God never fails to keep His word.

When, therefore, we say, “Jesus,” let us ask God for all we need with absolute confidence of being heard.

For this reason, the Church ends her prayer with the words “through Jesus Christ,” which gives the prayer a new and divine efficacy.

But the Holy Name is something still greater.

Each time we say, “Jesus,” we give God infinite joy and glory, for we offer Him all the infinite merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ.

St. Paul tells us that Jesus merited the Name *Jesus* by His Passion and Death.

Each time we say, “Jesus,” let us clearly wish to offer God all the Masses being said all over the

world for all our intentions. We thus share in these thousands of Masses.

Each time we say, “Jesus,” we gain 300 days indulgence,* which we may apply to the souls in Purgatory, thus relieving and liberating very many of these holy souls from their awful pains. They thus become our best friends and pray for us with incredible fervor.

Each time we say, “Jesus,” it is an act of perfect love, for we offer to God the infinite love of Jesus.

The Holy Name of Jesus saves us from innumerable evils and delivers us especially from the power of the devil, who is constantly seeking to do us harm.

The Name of Jesus gradually fills our souls with a peace and a joy we never had before.

The Name of Jesus gives us such strength that our sufferings become light and easy to bear.

*Although the Church’s regulations on Indulgences, including those regarding ejaculations, have changed, perhaps we may still hope to obtain these same Indulgences from God if we ask Him for them with great confidence. —*Editor*, 1993.

What Must We Do?

St. Paul tells us that we must do all we do, whether in word or work, in the Name of Jesus. “All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ . . .” (*Col. 3:17*).

In this way, every act becomes an act of love and of merit, and, moreover, we receive grace and help to do all our actions perfectly and well.

We must therefore do our best to form the habit of saying, “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,” very often every day. We can do so when dressing, when working—no matter what we are doing—when walking, in moments of sadness, at home and in the street, everywhere.

Nothing is easier if only we do it methodically. We can say it countless times every day.

Bear in mind that each time we say, “Jesus,” devoutly, 1) we give God great glory, 2) we receive great graces for ourselves, 3) and we help the souls in Purgatory.

We shall now quote a few examples to show the power of the Holy Name.

FAVORITE
PRAYERS TO
OUR LADY

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. *That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.*



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
MOTHER OF GOD
AT THE ANNUNCIATION.
HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE!

FAVORITE
PRAYERS TO
OUR LADY

Compiled from Traditional Sources

“Hail, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee: blessed
art thou among women.”

(Luke 1:28)

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MAGNIFICAT

“MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour, because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed, because He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His Name. And His mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear Him.

“He hath showed might in His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel His servant, being mindful of His mercy: as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.”

—*The Blessed Virgin Mary*
Luke 1:46-55

FAVORITE
PRAYERS TO
OUR LADY

HAIL MARY

The Angelic Salutation

HAIL MARY, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Salve Regina

HAIL HOLY QUEEN, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

MEMORARE

By St. Bernard of Clairvaux (d. 1153)

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

THE THREE HAIL MARYS

This devotion, highly recommended by saints, consists of reciting the Hail Mary three times morning and evening every day of one's life, followed by this aspiration: "O Mother mine, keep me from mortal sin this day (night); O Mother mine, keep me from mortal sin forever." The Hail Marys are recited in honor of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception.

The practice of the Three Hail Marys is especially recommended for obtaining the virtue of purity.

THE SEVEN JOYS OF MARY

As listed in the Franciscan Crown. Other versions include the Ascension and the Descent of the Holy Ghost.

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| 1. The Annunciation | 5. The Finding of Our Lord
in the Temple |
| 2. The Visitation | 6. The Resurrection |
| 3. The Nativity | 7. The Assumption and
Coronation of Our Lady |
| 4. The Adoration by
the Magi | |

THE ANGELUS

The Angelus is traditionally prayed standing, in the morning (6:00 a.m.), at noon and in the evening (6:00 p.m.), throughout the year, except during Paschal Time (Easter Sunday through the evening of the Saturday preceding Trinity Sunday), when the Regina Coeli is prayed instead.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. *And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.*

Hail Mary . . .

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. *Be it done unto me according to thy word.*

Hail Mary . . .

V. And the Word was made Flesh. (*Genuflect.*)

R. *And dwelt among us. (Arise.)*

Hail Mary . . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let Us Pray

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

REGINA COELI

This prayer is traditionally prayed standing, in the morning (6:00 a.m.), at noon and in the evening (6:00 p.m.) during Paschal Time (from Easter Sunday through the evening of the Saturday preceding Trinity Sunday) instead of The Angelus.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

R. *For He whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.*

V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

R. *Pray for us to God. Alleluia.*

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. *For the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.*

Let Us Pray

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT

“Both St. Bernard and St. Bonaventure say that the Queen of Heaven is certainly no less grateful and conscientious than gracious and well-mannered people of this world. Just as she excels in all other perfections, she surpasses us all in the virtue of gratitude; so she would never let us honor her with love and respect without repaying us one hundredfold. St. Bonaventure says that Mary will greet us with grace if we greet her with the Hail Mary.” (*Secret of the Rosary*, p. 47).

WORDS OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL TO OUR LADY

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. . . . Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a Son; and thou shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of David His father: and He shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end.”—*Luke 1:28-33*

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

JESUS, Mary and Joseph, I give thee 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 thee.

WE FLY TO THY PATRONAGE

(Sub Tuum Praesidium)

WE fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

WORDS OF ST. METHIDIUS (d. 847)

“By the prayers of Mary, almost innumerable sinners are converted.”

**DIVINE FAVORS
GRANTED TO ST. JOSEPH**



The Death of Saint Joseph,
"Patron of a Happy Death"

**DIVINE FAVORS
GRANTED
TO ST. JOSEPH**

by

Pere Binet, S.J.

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*“Joseph, son of David, fear not to take
unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is
conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost.
And she shall bring forth a son: and thou
shalt call his name JESUS. For he shall
save his people from their sins.”*

—Matt. 1:20-21

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PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

O MOST powerful patriarch, St. Joseph, patron of that universal Church, which has always invoked thee in anxieties and tribulations; from the lofty seat of thy glory, lovingly regard the Catholic world. Let it move thy paternal heart to see the mystical spouse of Christ and His vicar weakened by sorrow and persecuted by powerful enemies. We beseech thee, by the most bitter suffering thou didst experience on earth, to wipe away in mercy the tears of the revered pontiff, to defend and liberate him, and to intercede with the Giver of peace and charity, that every hostile power being overcome and every error being destroyed, the whole Church may serve the God of all blessings in perfect liberty. Amen.

DIVINE FAVOURS GRANTED TO ST. JOSEPH.



CHAPTER I.

WHO IS ST. JOSEPH, AND WHY DOES HE DESERVE
SO MUCH HONOUR ?

THE Holy Ghost has willed to make the genealogy of the glorious St. Joseph known to us so exactly, that we need only read the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke to be acquainted with all his ancestors. By birth he is a prince of the royal house of David; his ancestors are the patriarchs, the kings of Juda, the great captains of the people of God, the most illustrious among the sons of men. Yet this descendant of David was reduced to obscurity, and lived a poor and humble life.

Divine Favours granted to St. Joseph.

The Evangelists would appear to give Joseph two fathers; but the contradiction is only apparent. St. Luke says he was the son of Heli, who, however, died childless; while St. Matthew calls him the son of Jacob, because, according to several commentators, Jacob, brother of Heli, espoused his sister-in-law Esta as the law of Moses commanded, by whom he had Joseph, who was thus the son of Jacob by nature, and the son of Heli according to the law.

The poverty of the family and the custom of the country obliged Joseph to learn a trade. We do not know positively if he worked in wood or in iron, since the holy Fathers are divided on this point. The more general opinion is, however, that he was a carpenter. St. Justin, in his dialogue with Triphon, adds that the Child Jesus acted as His adopted father's little apprentice, assisting him to make yokes and ploughs.

It is a pious belief of some authors that St. Joseph was sanctified in his mother's womb.*

* Gerson, *Serm. de Nativ. glorios. V.M. et de Comendatione virginis Sponsi ejus Joseph*, Considerat. ii.—Isidor. Isolan., *Summ. de donis S. Joseph*, p. 1, c. ix.

Divine Favours granted to St. Joseph.

Suarez does not go so far. Still we must allow that the partisans of this opinion support it by solid reasons, which have a great appearance of truth.

There can be no doubt that this great Saint was a virgin. Cardinal St. Peter Damian affirms it so positively that he seems to make it an article of faith.* Some learned authors even hold that by a special inspiration of God he made the vow of virginity. Such is the belief of the great chancellor Gerson, of St. Bernardin of Siena, of Suarez, and of several others.† In any case we cannot doubt that he had lived a pure angelical life when he united himself by chaste bonds to the Virgin Mary, his one and only spouse.

A secret inspiration from heaven caused both Mary and Joseph to contract this alliance, while adoring in their hearts the impenetrable counsel of the great God. Mary was in

* 'Et ne hoc sufficere videatur ut tantummodo virgo sit mater, Ecclesiæ fides est ut virgo fuerit et is, qui simulatus est pater' (S. Petr. Damian., *Epist. 1 ad Nicol. Rom. Pontif.*, c. iii, quæ et opuscul. xvii.).

† Gerson, *Serm. cit.*, Considerat. iii.—Isidor. Isolan., *Summ.*, p. 1, c. xiii.—Suarez, *De Incarnat.*, p. 2, disp. 8, sect. 2.—S. Bernardin., *Serm. de S. Joseph*, art. 2, c. i.—S. Thom., p. iii, q. 28, a. 4 ad 3.

Divine Favours granted to St. Joseph.

her fifteenth year ; the age of Joseph is not known so exactly, tradition being silent on the subject. The opinion that he was about eighty years old is without reasonable grounds, and is not held by theologians, the most esteemed of whom think that he was neither an old man nor a youth, but in the prime of life, between thirty and forty. There are many reasons in support of this opinion, which is now generally held.

Shortly after this virginal marriage had been celebrated with due solemnity, it pleased God to send the Archangel Gabriel to Mary, that he might announce to her the Mystery of the Incarnation, and explain to her that in becoming mother of her Creator, she should not cease to be a virgin: As the mystery was not at once revealed to St. Joseph, he was in sore perplexity, until the Angel of God appearing in a dream, reassured him, by explaining that the fruit of Mary was the work of the Holy Ghost.

The life of the two spouses in this angelic marriage resembled two stars, mutually enlightening each other by their gold and silver rays, without ever coming in contact.

Divine Favours granted to St. Joseph.

Later, I shall speak of the happiness of this holy life, and with what plenitude of celestial favours God enriched this divine household. For the moment, I shall content myself with showing how the dream of the first Joseph was verified in the second.

The former Joseph saw himself, in a dream, adored by the sun, the moon, and eleven stars. Only later on in Egypt did he understand this vision, when his father, his mother,* and his brethren, prostrate at his feet, adored him as the saviour of the land. The son of the patriarch Jacob was, however, only a type, destined to enhance the splendour of that other Joseph, whom God delighted to make so great, whom Jesus Christ the true Sun of Justice honours as His father, whom Our Lady, called in the Canticles beautiful as the moon, reveres as her lord and spouse, whom the Angels and Saints, who are the stars of heaven, venerate as foster-father and guide of that Infant God, Whose servants they esteem themselves happy to be.

The date of St. Joseph's death is uncertain;

* Not Rachel, who died at the birth of Benjamin, but Bala, Rachel's servant, who was Joseph's nurse, and was like a mother to him (Liran., Tostat. apud Tirin.).

Divine Favours granted to St. Joseph.

we know only that it took place before the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.* What an entrancing sight to behold him expire, one hand in that of Jesus, the other in that of Our Lady; breathing forth his blessed spirit on the bosom of the Saviour God! To die thus is not to lose life but to overcome death.

Some authors believe, and with reason, that Joseph was among those Saints who, on Ascension Day mounted up to heaven, body and soul, with Jesus Christ. Who indeed deserved more to accompany Jesus in His triumph, than he who accompanied Him so lovingly in His exile in Egypt, and during the laborious pilgrimage of His holy life? We may therefore piously believe that as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived united upon earth, bearing the same sufferings, so they now are reunited, body and soul, partaking the same glory. Such is the belief of the devout St. Bernardin of Siena, and even of Suarez, whose usual reserve gives great weight to his

* Gerson, *cit. Serm.*, Considerat. iii.—Isidor. *Isolan.*, *Summ. S. Joseph*, p. 4, c. i.—Suarez, *De Incarnat.*, p. 2, disp. 3, sect. 2.

Divine Favours granted to St. Joseph.

opinion in this case.* It is true that faith teaches us nothing on this point ; but devotion speaks loudly, and has on its side weighty reasons, and great authorities.

* S. Bernardin., *Serm. de S. Joseph*, art. 3.—Suarez, *De Incarnat.*, p. 2, disp. 8, sect. 2.