



**Novena of Thanksgiving**  
**In Preparation for the Canonization of**  
**Blessed Brother André Bessette, C.S.C.**

**March 11, 2010 to March 19, 2010**

**and**

**October 9, 2010 to October 17, 2010**

## **Day One: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Model of Workers**

**Greeting:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Response:** Amen

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, You chose Brother André as an apostle of Saint Joseph and friend of the afflicted. As we offer you thanksgiving and praise as we prepare to celebrate his canonization help us to imitate his life of prayer and service in order to share with him in the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen

**Reading: Mark 13: 54-58**

He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, "Where does this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? Are not all his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. "Prophets are not without honor except in their own country and in their own house." And he did not perform many deeds of power there because of their unbelief.

**Presider:** Faithful to Brother André's Counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to St. Joseph, the Model of Laborers.

**Prayer to Joseph:**

Good Saint Joseph, when God wanted a family for his Son,  
He Looked among the laborers, and chose you along with Mary,  
demonstrating his esteem for human work.  
You put your heart into your work,  
and shared your workshop with Jesus.  
Your work, like that of all other humans,  
found new meaning in the presence of God.  
Sustain us with the hope of finding work  
when we are confronted with the desolation of unemployment.  
Counsel business leaders to create an equitable division of labor  
that is respectful of individuals, and promotes our growth and happiness.  
Help us to perform our work joyfully, conscientiously, fairly and honestly.  
Prepare our hearts to recognize your Son in our colleagues at work. Amen.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Lord God,  
your servant André, inspired by the labor of St. Joseph  
imbued his daily work with a prayerful spirit,  
transforming ordinary tasks into extraordinary moments of encounter with you.  
As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André  
be with us in our daily labor and transform it by your presence  
so that our labor will benefit the common good of humanity  
and so that the dignity and rights of workers everywhere  
may be safeguarded until you establish the fullness of your eternal kingdom.  
Amen!

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Hail Mary**

### **The Glory be to the Father**

### **Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,  
that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help  
and sought your intercession was left unaided.  
Full of confidence in your powerful intercession,  
I hasten to you and beg your protection.  
Listen, O foster father of the Redeemer,  
to my humble prayer  
and in your goodness hear and answer me.  
Amen.

**Dismissal:** Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Blessed André Bessette

**Response:** Thanks be to God!

## **Day Two: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Mainstay of Families**

**Greeting:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Response:** Amen

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, You chose Brother André as an apostle of Saint Joseph and friend of the afflicted. As we offer you thanksgiving and praise as we prepare to celebrate his canonization help us to imitate his life of prayer and service in order to share with him in the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen

**Reading: Luke 2: 41-52**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual to the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, in divine and human favor.

**Presider:** Faithful to Brother André's Counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to Joseph, the Mainstay of Families.

**Prayer to Joseph:**

Attentive Joseph, in Mary and you, the Divine Word  
finds a favorable environment in which to carry out the will of the Father;  
thus, you become the family of the Child-God.  
In your gentle life together, you experience love daily.  
The unity of your hearts transforms life's lessons into growing wisdom and grace.  
Open our hearts to the Word that lives within us,  
that our actions may bear witness to our connection to the family of God.

Sustain us in our emotional commitments,  
where giving and forgiveness shape our identities.  
Grant us your tenderness in the things we do each day. Amen.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Lord God,  
your servant André, inspired by the family spirit of St. Joseph  
turned to you as a young orphan  
entrusting his life to the plan of your Divine Providence.  
As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André  
be with all families as they struggle to live the gift of unity  
that you planted in the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.  
Help all families to overcome all conflict and division and so live  
the communion of love that you share with the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Hail Mary**

### **The Glory be to the Father**

### **Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,  
that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help  
and sought your intercession was left unaided.  
Full of confidence in your powerful intercession,  
I hasten to you and beg your protection.  
Listen, O foster father of the Redeemer,  
to my humble prayer  
and in your goodness hear and answer me.  
Amen.

**Dismissal:** Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Blessed André Bessette

**Response:** Thanks be to God!

## **Day Three: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Hope of the Sick**

**Greeting:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Response:** Amen

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, You chose Brother André as an apostle of Saint Joseph and friend of the afflicted. As we offer you thanksgiving and praise as we prepare to celebrate his canonization help us to imitate his life of prayer and service in order to share with him in the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen

### **Reading: Mark 1: 40-45**

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose, be made clean." After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone: but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into the town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

**Presider:** Faithful to Brother André's Counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to St. Joseph, the Hope of the Sick.

### **Prayer to Joseph:**

Benevolent Joseph, the Son of God placed his life in your hands.

With Mary, you cared for him who is the source of life.

May your compassion enfold our fragility,  
bringing us the comfort of the divine presence.

We join with you in prayer, saying: "Lord Jesus, Son of the living God,  
say a word for our healing!"

Make us sensitive to the illnesses of those close to us.

Support our efforts and grant us courage in the fight against all evil.

Help us all find meaning in God's great plan for humanity  
beyond the sicknesses and sufferings that blind our sight.

The love of God be with us, as our hope lies with Him! Amen.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Lord God,  
your servant André, inspired by St. Joseph's confidence in your protective love entrusted the sick and suffering to you through St. Joseph's intercession. As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André be with all those who struggle physically, emotionally and spiritually and grant them a share in the healing power of your love so that unburdened by illness they may rejoice in your saving presence and so witness to the power of your grace among all humankind. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Hail Mary**

### **The Glory be to the Father**

### **Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,  
that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help  
and sought your intercession was left unaided.  
Full of confidence in your powerful intercession,  
I hasten to you and beg your protection.  
Listen, O foster father of the Redeemer,  
to my humble prayer  
and in your goodness hear and answer me.  
Amen.

**Dismissal:** Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Blessed André Bessette

**Response:** Thanks be to God!

## **Day Four: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, Patron of the Dying**

**Greeting:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Response:** Amen

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, You chose Brother André as an apostle of Saint Joseph and friend of the afflicted. As we offer you thanksgiving and praise as we prepare to celebrate his canonization help us to imitate his life of prayer and service in order to share with him in the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen

**Reading: John 11:1-6**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after hearing that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

**Presider:** Faithful to Brother André's Counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to St. Joseph, the Patron of the Dying.

**Prayer to Joseph:**

Faithful Joseph, with the fulfillment of the Lord's promise,  
you peacefully leave this world in Jesus and Mary's hands.  
Your faith transforms death into the sowing of life;  
thus, God considers you to be a just man.  
Your heart overflows in the presence of the Lord.  
With your hands outstretched to God, your night is filled with prayers.  
Surrounded by the living, you embark upon the great march to the promise land.  
Open our eyes that we might glimpse the road to life that lies beyond death.  
May nothing, not denial, anger, nor depression,  
separate us from the love of God.  
Strengthen our faith in God who always finds ways of preserving us in his friendship.  
Stay beside us to hold our hands  
when we take our first steps toward the eternal kingdom. Amen!

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Lord God,  
your servant André, inspired by the holy death of St. Joseph, the just man,  
entrusted the dying to you through the intercession of St. Joseph  
As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André  
be with all those who draw near to the shadow of death  
and embrace them with the light of grace,  
so that trusting your sovereignty over sin and death  
they may embrace your gift of tender mercy  
and so come to share in the fullness of eternal life. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Hail Mary**

### **The Glory be to the Father**

### **Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,  
that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help  
and sought your intercession was left unaided.  
Full of confidence in your powerful intercession,  
I hasten to you and beg your protection.  
Listen, O foster father of the Redeemer,  
to my humble prayer  
and in your goodness hear and answer me.  
Amen.

**Dismissal:** Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Blessed André Bessette

**Response:** Thanks be to God!

## **Day Five: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Protector of the Church**

**Greeting:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Response:** Amen

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, You chose Brother André as an apostle of Saint Joseph and friend of the afflicted. As we offer you thanksgiving and praise as we prepare to celebrate his canonization help us to imitate his life of prayer and service in order to share with him in the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen

**Reading: John 17: 20-24**

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”

**Presider:** Faithful to Brother André’s Counsel, “Go to Joseph,” we turn in Prayer to Joseph, the Protector of the Church.

**Prayer to Joseph:**

Brave Joseph, collaborator in God’s plan for humanity,  
your tenderness enfolds the newborn Church.

Just as Mary and Jesus recognize in you the protection of the Father,  
so too does the community of faith place itself under your protection.

Strengthen us with the Spirit that filled the Nazarene home  
and guide our footsteps on the road to the Kingdom.

Accompany us in carrying out our mission.

Help us to be lights in the world so that the family of God  
may spring forth from humanity transfigured in Christ.

Grant us the strength to imitate God’s preference for the poor and the weak.

Guide us in our pastoral activities

that our actions may be modeled on the Good News. Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Lord God,  
your servant André, inspired by St. Joseph's participation in the economy of salvation responded with generous and faithful love to your call to share in the Church's mission as a religious of the Congregation of Holy Cross.  
As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André  
be with all who share in the gift of the Church's life  
and enable us, united in the body of Christ your Son,  
to make of your Church a refuge for the poor and marginalized  
who long for justice and peace. Amen!

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Hail Mary**

**The Glory be to the Father**

**Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,  
that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help  
and sought your intercession was left unaided.  
Full of confidence in your powerful intercession,  
I hasten to you and beg your protection.  
Listen, O foster father of the Redeemer,  
to my humble prayer  
and in your goodness hear and answer me.  
Amen.

**Dismissal:** Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Blessed André Bessette

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

## **Day Six: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Terror of Demons**

**Greeting:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Response:** Amen

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, You chose Brother André as an apostle of Saint Joseph and friend of the afflicted. As we offer you thanksgiving and praise as we prepare to celebrate his canonization help us to imitate his life of prayer and service in order to share with him in the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen

**Reading: Matthew 17: 14-21**

When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me!" And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

**Presider:** Faithful to Brother André's Counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to St. Joseph, the Terror of Demons.

**Prayer to Joseph:**

Courageous Joseph, advised by an angel,  
you confronted your fears of the unknown.  
Your light shines brightly, penetrating the dark corners of your being.  
Your fears dispersed, you rediscover your true face,  
and actively participated in the divine plan reuniting  
mother and Child, and the people with their God.  
Together with Mary and Jesus, you dwell in the love of God.  
Help us to rediscover the united core of our identities,  
beyond all internal fears.  
Counsel us so we may build a better world  
to welcome the coming Kingdom.  
Shed your light on our inner lives that,  
freed from the grips of our fears,

our decisions may be founded in love.  
May the face of God shine on us! Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Lord God,  
your servant André, inspired by St. Joseph's courageous action  
in safeguarding Jesus from those who sought his life,  
cooperated with your grace in his own struggle against evil.  
As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André  
be with all people as we struggle to resist the allurements of the evil one.  
May we humbly acknowledge our need for your saving power,  
so that nudged by grace,  
we may choose to walk in the light of your truth.  
Amen!

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Hail Mary**

**The Glory be to the Father**

**Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,  
that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help  
and sought your intercession was left unaided.  
Full of confidence in your powerful intercession,  
I hasten to you and beg your protection.  
Listen, O foster father of the Redeemer,  
to my humble prayer  
and in your goodness hear and answer me.  
Amen.

**Dismissal:** Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Blessed André Bessette

**Response:** Thanks be to God!

## **Day Seven: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Guardian of the Pure in Heart**

**Greeting:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Response:** Amen

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, You chose Brother André as an apostle of Saint Joseph and friend of the afflicted. As we offer you thanksgiving and praise as we prepare to celebrate his canonization help us to imitate his life of prayer and service in order to share with him in the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen

**Reading: Matthew 5: 3-11**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**Presider:** Faithful to Brother André’s Counsel, “Go to Joseph,” we turn in Prayer to Joseph, the Guardian of the Pure in Heart.

**Prayer to Joseph:**

Gentle Joseph, God is captivated by the quality of your heart.

Your entire being is focused on doing his will.

With Jesus and Mary, you answer the Holy Spirit’s call to build a better world.

With one heart, we join you in saying, “Here we are, Lord, we come to do your will.”

Your kingdom come nearer to us!”

Keep the hope of a new world alive in our hearts.

Inspire us to speak words of tenderness to awaken the love of hearts.

May we draw the energy for our actions from the source of all love

so our faces may shine with the freedom of the children of God. Amen.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Lord God,  
your servant André, inspired by the chaste love of St. Joseph  
entrusted his whole being to you through his religious vows,  
an act of love for the God who first loved him.  
As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André  
inspire in all people the desire to entrust their lives completely to you ,  
and to live that purity of heart that will enable us,  
to share one day in the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Hail Mary**

### **The Glory be to the Father**

### **Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,  
that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help  
and sought your intercession was left unaided.  
Full of confidence in your powerful intercession,  
I hasten to you and beg your protection.  
Listen, O foster father of the Redeemer,  
to my humble prayer  
and in your goodness hear and answer me.  
Amen.

**Dismissal:** Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Blessed André Bessette

**Response:** Thanks be to God!

## **Day Eight: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, our Solace in Suffering**

**Greeting:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Response:** Amen

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, You chose Brother André as an apostle of Saint Joseph and friend of the afflicted. As we offer you thanksgiving and praise as we prepare to celebrate his canonization help us to imitate his life of prayer and service in order to share with him in the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen

**Reading: Luke 8: 22-25**

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up shouting, "Master, master we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves and they ceased, and there was calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

**Presider:** Faithful to Brother André's Counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to St. Joseph, our Solace in Suffering.

**Prayer to Joseph:**

Compassionate Joseph, one with us in our human condition,  
together with Mary and Jesus you experienced exile, hunger and violence.  
Refusing vengeance, you choose mercy.  
Your forgiveness breaks the circle of violence.  
Through your goodness, God's hope for our humanity is preserved.  
Joy is yours, for the Kingdom of God is your inheritance.  
Open our compassionate hands in times of war, famine and exile.  
Keep us from developing a victim's mentality, and make our pain a source of growth.  
Sustain us in fulfilling our responsibility of cultivating inner peace, joy and serenity.  
In your wisdom, counsel us to close all doors to bitterness  
So that, watched over by God, we may dance for joy. Amen.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Lord God,  
your servant André, inspired by the compassion of St. Joseph,  
entrusted his suffering to Joseph's fatherly intercession,  
and found in prayer the gifts of solace and hope.  
As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André  
be with all those who suffer, especially from our inhumanity to one another,  
and inspire us to reach beyond our own suffering  
to bring the solace of your good news  
to those who wait in joyful hope for the coming of your Kingdom. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Hail Mary**

### **The Glory be to the Father**

### **Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,  
that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help  
and sought your intercession was left unaided.  
Full of confidence in your powerful intercession,  
I hasten to you and beg your protection.  
Listen, O foster father of the Redeemer,  
to my humble prayer  
and in your goodness hear and answer me.  
Amen.

**Dismissal:** Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Blessed André Bessette

**Response:** Thanks be to God!

## **Day Nine: Brother André, friend of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary**

**Greeting:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Response:** Amen

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, You chose Brother André as an apostle of Saint Joseph and friend of the afflicted. As we offer you thanksgiving and praise as we prepare to celebrate his canonization help us to imitate his life of prayer and service in order to share with him in the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen

### **Reading: Matthew 1: 18-21**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

**Presider:** Faithful to Brother André's Counsel, "Go to Joseph," we turn in Prayer to St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary.

### **Prayer to Joseph:**

Faithful Joseph, husband of Mary, the Mother of God,  
your fidelity to God's law and your love for your espoused wife  
led you to the compassionate decision to send her away in secret.  
Yet, your fidelity to God's Spirit within you,  
enabled you to hear God's great longing for the redemption of humanity  
and to respond with passion and courage to God's invitation  
to move beyond fear and to welcome Mary into your home as your wife.  
Intercede for us and beg of the Father the gift of his Spirit  
to inspire in us dreams of courageous fidelity and love  
and to enable in us their completion so that like you,  
we may be numbered one day among the saints of God. Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Lord God,  
your servant André, inspired by St. Joseph's fidelity to Mary  
turned to you as the inspiration and end of all faithful love.  
As we thank and praise you for the virtuous example of our brother, André  
be with us as we struggle to live in faithful love  
the commitments that your love first inspired us to make  
so that our lives might be for others a sacramental sign of your saving love. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer****The Hail Mary****The Glory be to the Father****Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,  
that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help  
and sought your intercession was left unaided.  
Full of confidence in your powerful intercession,  
I hasten to you and beg your protection.  
Listen, O foster father of the Redeemer,  
to my humble prayer  
and in your goodness hear and answer me.  
Amen.

**Dismissal:** Let us go in peace to imitate the virtuous life of Blessed André Bessette

**Response:** Thanks be to God!