




A Prayer for Foster Children

Dear Joseph, foster father of Jesus
and protector of the Holy Family,
in you we contemplate
a model of courage and compassion.


Help us be more courageous
in making space for God in our lives,
so we may be better guardians of the vulnerable,
especially the children and their families
seeking our care.

As we contemplate your role,
alongside the Blessed Virgin Mary,
as first teacher of the faith to Jesus,
may we recognize our own call
to live with conviction and fidelity
God's mercy and faithfulness.



Help us to be more compassionate,
so we may be present and faithful to all,
but especially to those children
whose lives are chaotic, anxiety-filled
and too often marred by violence.

As we contemplate the Holy Family's moments
of stress in Jesus' young life — your betrothal
to the Blessed Virgin Mary, your flight to Egypt,
losing Jesus in the Temple —
may we recognize our own call
to give tender care and protection
to those whom God brings to us.



Help us to be strong and wise in our faith,
yet tender and open to love, as you were.
May God grant that our families,
including our parish family,
be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel.
Amen.

St. Joseph Ministry, initiated by the Texas Catholic Bishops, cares
for children and their families — biological, foster and adoptive —
in our state's child welfare system.

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