



# Closing Prayers

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## **Prayer for the “Year of St Joseph”** December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*To you God entrusted his only Son;*

*In you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

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## **Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney**

*God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.*

*Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.*

*Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.*

*We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.*

*Through his intercession, grant the favor we now present asking to renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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