



## Legion of Mary Miami Regia

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### *The Patrons of the Legion – St. Joseph* *(Handbook Chapter 24 #1 pg 136)*



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In his Allocutio, Fr. Soulliere spoke about the Spiritual Reading, **"The Patrons of the Legion – St. Joseph,"** from the Handbook, [p. 136].

St. Joseph is listed first among the Patrons of the Legion since in the order of sanctity he is listed directly after Jesus and Mary. He was the head of the Holy Family. Thus, his care extends to the Church and, therefore, over the Legion and, consequently, over you and I. Since he died in the presence of Jesus and Mary, he is considered **the patron of a happy death**. We ask ourselves, "What is a happy death?" I would suggest (1) to die in the state of grace, (2) to die after having received the Sacrament of the Sick, (3) to die wearing the Brown Scapular (Our Lady told St. Simon Stock in 1251 when she gave him the Brown Scapular that "whoever dies wearing the Brown Scapular will never see the eternal flames of hell"), and (4) to have included in our daily prayer life the St. Bridget Prayer for 12 years. The soul who has prayed, or is praying, this prayer will **suffer no Purgatory** and will be conscious of his/her death one month in advance (to make final preparation). If the person praying it dies before completing the 12 years, Our Lord will accept it as having been prayed in its entirety. Two popes have affirmed the validity of this prayer. It takes about 5-6 minutes per day to say. The prayer is included in the paperback, "Get Us Out of Here," by Maria Simma and Nicky Eltz. The price, including shipping and handling, is about \$16.00. It can be purchased from the Medjugorje Web, DeKalb, Illinois 30115, or <http://www.medjugorje.org/>, or any major bookstore can get it for you. Finally, and importantly, I add the following prayer to St. Joseph. It is universally known and accepted and has been in the Church since 50 A.D.



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### Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the Loving of Fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departed souls — Pray for me.

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This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles, when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it, or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy, or shall be burned in any fire or shall be overpowered in battle.