

Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker

From The Knights' Prayer Book.

O glorious St. Joseph! Pattern of all who are devoted to toil, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance, in order thereby to atone for my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting devotion to duty before my own inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, deeming it an honor to employ and to develop, by my labor, the gifts I have received from Almighty God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties; to work, above all, with pure intention and with a spirit of detachment from self, having always before my eyes the hour of death and the accounting which I must render of time ill-spent, of talents unemployed, of good undone and of empty pride in success, which is so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all in imitation of thee, O Blessed Joseph! This shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen.