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Terror of Demons: an Explanation

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In last month's newsletter, we published a prayer that included the title of St. Joseph as "Terror of Demons." I wish to take a moment to explain that title.

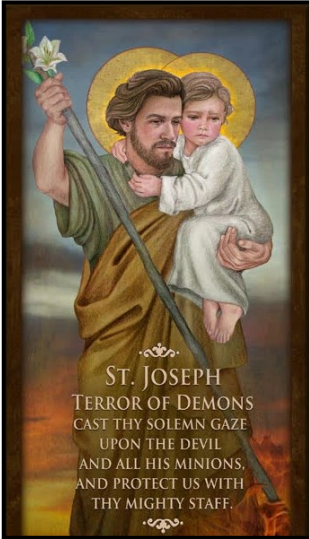
Firstly, what is terror? I prefer to define terror as the "opposite of hope," a condition that stems from lack of trust that God loves you and wills what's best for you.

In her *Diary*, St. Faustina writes of terror - the terror of dying souls as well as her own brief moments of terror. In one instance, Jesus asks her to help Him to save souls by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for dying sinners. She records, "I found myself in a strange cottage where an elderly man was dying amidst great torments. All about the bed was a multitude of demons and the family, who were crying. When I began to pray, the spirits of darkness fled, with hissing and threats directed at me. The soul became calm and, filled with trust, rested in the Lord" (1798).

The demons knew they didn't stand a chance against St. Faustina and the Chaplet.

Yet St. Faustina, too, experienced moments of terror. Jesus rebukes her for this at one point, saying:

I am displeased when a soul yields to vain terrors. Who will dare to touch you when you are with Me? Most dear to Me is the soul that strongly believes in My goodness and has complete trust in Me (453).
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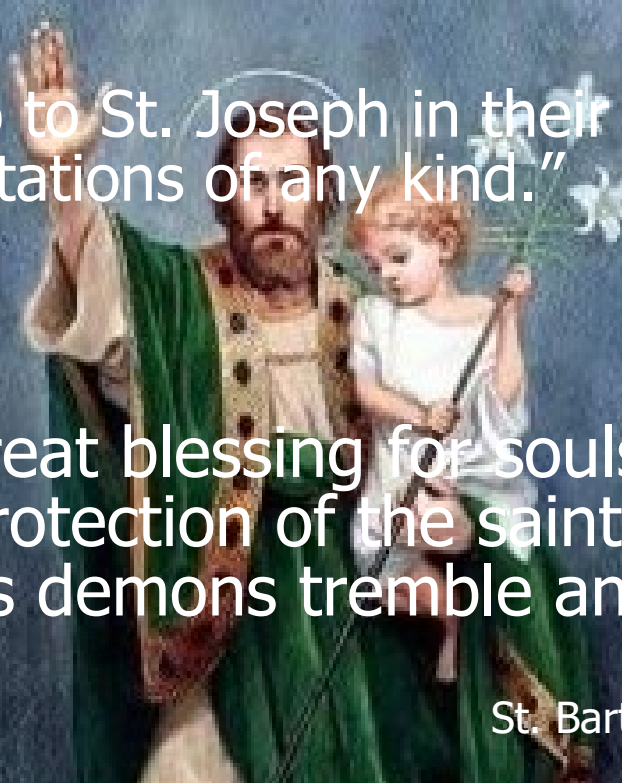


**St. Joseph
Pray for Us**

"Everyone go to St. Joseph in their fight against temptations of any kind."

"It is a great blessing for souls to be under the protection of the saint whose name makes demons tremble and flee."

St. Bartolo Longo



Terror of Demons—An Explanation continued...

Saint Faustina would eventually learn to whom she can turn in order to allay her fears and unite her to Jesus. It was none other than Jesus' foster father, St. Joseph. The famous Litany of St. Joseph identifies him under the title Terror of Demons, and it's no wonder. Surely, this man entrusted by God with the singular mission of caring for and protecting the Holy Family was endowed with graces enough to strike fear in the forces of darkness. The demons don't stand a chance against St. Joseph. Saint Faustina writes:

Saint Joseph urged me to have a constant devotion to him. ... He has promised me this special help and protection (1203).

When you find yourself feeling overcome by the trials of life, turn to St. Joseph. He was a man who, in his earthly life, never succumbed to "vain terrors." He remained ever grounded in faith, ever attuned to the will of God in his life. From Heaven, he stands as a go-to saint to help you when forces beyond your control - including demonic forces - seek to unsettle you and pull you toward despair and ruin.

At the end of our lives, many people are susceptible to despair. Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, will squash such despair and all things that stand in opposition to the hope found in the Risen Christ. From Heaven, this humble, quiet man of strength will lead us to the peace found in Jesus.

Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, protect us.



Prayer to St. Joseph

Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, cast your solemn gaze upon the devil and all his minions, and protect us with you mighty staff.

You fled through the night to avoid the devil's wicked designs, now with the power of God, smite the demons as they flee from you.

Grant special protection, we pray, for children, fathers, families and the dying. By God's grace, no demon dare approach while you are near.

So we beg of you, always be near us. Amen

Terror of Demons - Pray For Us

Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

Day 31—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph pursued their way through many towns of Egypt, driving out the demons not only from the idols, but out of many bodies possessed by them, curing many that were grievously and dangerously ill.¹ — Venerable Mary of Agreda

Demons fear Jesus. Demons fear Mary. Did you know that demons fear St. Joseph as well? It's true. Demons are absolutely terrified of St. Joseph. Evil spirits are terrified of St. Joseph because he alone is the spouse of the Immaculata and the father of Jesus Christ. Saint Joseph is the gateway to Jesus and Mary. Everything that touches him becomes a relic. He saved the Savior from Herod, spent 37 decades in adoration, exercised paternal authority over Jesus, and made it possible for Jesus and Mary to offer their sacrifice on Calvary. Demons have plenty to be afraid of in the person of St. Joseph. He is mighty!



Saint Joseph is a dragon slayer! The title "Terror of Demons" is the most unique title of St. Joseph. It is a fearsome and commanding title. It is the title of a warrior. The lily St. Joseph holds in his hand is a mighty spiritual weapon, a sword of purity. It has the power to pierce fire-breathing dragons (demons) and conquer every form of filth and darkness. The lily he wields is a threat to all the filthy forces of Satan.

Demons are terrified at the mere mention of St. Joseph's name. They fear everything about St. Joseph. "How terrified are they?" you ask. Well, terrified enough that they fear when he sleeps! When St. Joseph slumbers, he speaks to God! It doesn't matter if his mind and body are at rest. Saint Joseph's spirit is always at attention and ready to protect, defend, and fight for Jesus, Mary, and souls. When St. Joseph rises from sleep, demons know he will promptly do the will of God and block their evil intentions. Whether St. Joseph is awake or asleep, all hell trembles before the father and king of the Holy Family.

Saint Joseph is a quiet man, but he is not a timid man. One glance of his eyes sends all hell into flight. One word from his mouth routs the forces of darkness as an axe levels a field of trees! Who can stand against you if the Terror of Demons protects you?

Saint Joseph will protect you against Satan and his demons. Satan is not a myth; neither are evil spirits and demons. The world considers these creatures to be fairytales and legends, but they are real. We are in a spiritual battle. Satan and his demons are out to get you.

Saint Peter offered the following description of the devil and the hellish threat he poses:

Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings. — 1 Pet 5:8-9

To defeat the devil, you need Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph, and the teachings and Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Every Christian needs truth and the strong spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph.

You are a child of St. Joseph. It doesn't matter if you are 6 years old or 60 years old. Jesus himself referred to grown men on the shores of Galilee as children (see Jn 21:5). Jesus is God, and he has appointed St. Joseph to be your loving spiritual father. In times of fear, oppression, mortal danger, and extreme temptation, run to your spiritual father. He will fight for you. The Terror of Demons is ready to slay dragons for you!

Saint Joseph, may you and your immaculate spouse assist me in the final struggle.² — St. John Neumann
Pray the Veni, Sancte Spiritus (Page 43)

You Are Not Done Yet!

Brendan McVicker

As the process began wrapping up this newsletter for September 2021, double checking spelling, and re-reading articles to make sure all was ready something hit me hard. A prompting really hit my heart that said "you are not done yet". My initial response was we had to have the newsletter done by the tenth, so we need to close this out. And again that voice tugged at my heart even more that said, "that's ok, you are not done yet."

OK, we were not done yet. But what are we missing? We were being lead to not forget the purity of St. Joseph. The Holy Spirit was prompting us to not forget St Joseph, the ultimate saint of masculine purity, of real manhood. The devil and his minions cannot stand the purity of St. Joseph. It terrorizes Satan.

"Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, protect me from lust, immoral desires in my heart, and impure actions in my body."

Men, impurity is the biggest sin that men face today. Pornography, impure sexual acts and life styles are at an epidemic scale. So many men find themselves powerless in this filth on a daily basis. Fr. Calloway says it clearly.

"Men who are impure have no power. Impure men pose no threat to the devil because they are spiritually impotent. This explains why so many men today have no strength to fight evil. The devil doesn't fear many men today....A filthy heart blinds a person to the countenance of God. If men want to see God and have power over darkness, they must strive to have a chaste and loving heart like St. Joseph."



Men, if you have a problem with pornography or any sexual impurity, go to St. Joseph for help. St. Joseph was the protector of the Christ Child and he will protect you also. Please ask him. Pope Leo XIII said two of the greatest spiritual weapons the Church has in her arsenal is the rosary and St. Joseph. Daily, pray the Rosary and go to St. Joseph in prayer to defend you from all impurity. You can do this! Make a promise to yourself. Start today.

PRAYER FOR PURITY TO ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph, strong spiritual father, defend me against sins of the flesh. Jesus said: "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God." Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, protect me from lust, immoral desires in my heart, and impure actions in my body. Help me not to offend God. Here and now, I chain myself to you and sacrifice everything for the good, the true, and the beautiful. I love you, St. Joseph, and I thank you for being my spiritual father. Amen." *Fr. Calloway MIC*

St. Joseph, Terror of Demons. Pray for Us!

Fraternity of Fatherhood—Group locations & Area Coordinators

Fr. Pinto has encouraged us to grow and expand the Fraternity of Fatherhood all over the world. He has granted us his permission, his blessing and he guides us spiritually. It is with this confidence that we now move forward with humility, obedience and docile hearts. If you are interested in joining a Fraternity of Fatherhood group or if you would like to start a group in your city contact Ray Emnace, Mike Allison, Stacey Hill or Brendan McVicker.

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What Has Jesus Done For You Today?

Michael Hummer



Our Pastor asked us a question Sunday morning during his homily, "What has Jesus done for you today"?

I imagine some people would have to think about it while others could readily rattle off a good list of things. In today's Gospel we heard of the deaf and dumb man who was cured. Jesus put his finger in the man's ears and spitting touched his tongue. Jesus said "Be open". Then the man's ears were opened and his speech impediment was removed, first the ears then the mouth. I think we should use these senses in that order, listen then speak. It's amazing that the first sound he heard was the voice of Jesus. The interesting thing about this passage is that first, Jesus took him off by himself away from the crowd. I think that our lives are sometimes too busy with "the crowd", social media, "noise", work, commitments and such that we don't seek the quiet place, the silence away from the crowd to listen to the Lord. Our faith calls us to help and love one another, step away from the "crowd" and help someone in need.

What has Jesus done for you today?

Saint Joseph Terror of Demons

Mike Allison

I'm not afraid to die, I just don't want to be there... (Alone).

"O glorious Saint Joseph, pray for me, assist me, and defend me from Satan."
St. Anthony Mary Claret

When I was contemplating the title of Saint Joseph as "Terror of Demons", I was also drawn to his title of Patron of a Happy Death. I thought what would make my death happy?

Well, I've often thought about the importance of persevering to the end. Never turning my back on God and relying not on myself, but on the saving power and the mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ. But do I have the strength to persevere?

A happy death would mean that I am going home to my Lord to love Him and serve Him for all eternity, looking on His glory and basking in the truth of His love. I would be forever with my family of angels and saints.

So what will the end of life be like? I'm no saint, but I sure want to be. Saints go to heaven and I want to go and claim the mansion the Lord has prepared for me.

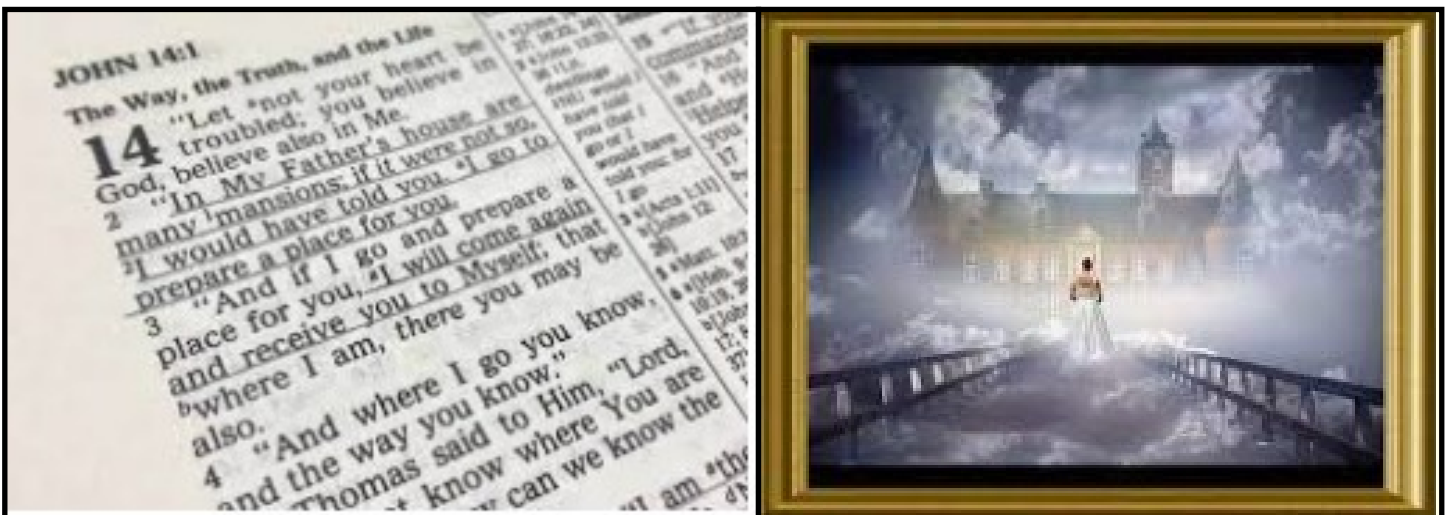
Well, I've heard stories of saints who battled Satan at the time of their deaths. One of my favorites is Saint Padre Pio. He is said to have had violent physical encounters with the devil. Pope Francis said of Saint Pio that his soul was greatly tormented and he felt assailed by the devil.

It makes sense that this hatred the devil has for holiness manifests in the a last ditch effort to steal a soul away from the kingdom of heaven at the last... At the time of our death.

So therefore, we should count on Saint Joseph, the Terror of Demons, to come to our aid as well the Blessed Mother to assist us in persevering to the time of our death. A happy death.

Saint Joseph is the protector of the Church and you and we are members of the body of Christ which IS the Church. Therefore we have the entire Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph defending us and terrorizing the devil. The devil cannot touch us because he already was defeated by love!

So brothers, love to the end, persevere and call on the names of Jesus Mary and Joseph to bring us home.





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**We entrust the Fatherhood Fraternity to the patronage
of St. Joseph.**



**St. Joseph ...Pray For Us.
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