



## **Archbishop Lucas asks local Catholics to invoke St. Joseph**

Archbishop George J. Lucas is asking Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Omaha to invoke the intercession of St. Joseph on Thursday, March 19. That day is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, who is the patron saint of the Universal Church.

### **Prayers for the World during the Outbreak of the Coronavirus**

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation. Through that charity which bound you to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's children from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection.

**Amen.**