

# WITH A FATHER'S HEART.

*Lasallian Prayer to Saint Joseph*

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**Saint Joseph**, you are a model educator, together with Mary, we Lasallians call upon your fatherly heart acknowledging you as Patron and Guardian of the entire Lasallian Family.

**Beloved Father**, help us to live our humanity in faith and be bearers of the seeds that make our commitment bear fruit in the Lasallian Educational Mission.

**Father of tenderness**, teach us to act with the firmness of a father and the tenderness of a mother, always holding in high esteem those at the heart of our mission, just as you and Mary knew how to do it with Jesus.

**Obedient Father**, help us to discover God's will and to live our "I adore in all things", our "Fiat" in fidelity, like your spouse Mary at the Annunciation and your Son Jesus in Gethsemane.

**Father full of mercy**, teach us how to welcome others in a fatherly embrace, and to touch their hearts to provide them all the good that we can, especially the most vulnerable: the destitute, the needy, the exiled, the afflicted, the poor, the dying, the last and the least, who are the favourite ones of your Son.

**Father of creative boldness**, help us to overcome difficulties with passionate fidelity and creativity and embrace the adversities that we encounter on our journey towards Jesus.

**Father in the silence at the workshop**, teach us how to be thankful to God for our work and to feel sympathetic with those who are without work.

**Father of silent presence**, help us not to feel that we are the centre of everything and to collaborate generously with the parents of our students in their human and Christian education.

**Saint Joseph, we place our home and our community into your hands. Help us to be at the service of Jesus' plan: The Kingdom of God. Teach us to love and be grateful for the gifts we have received. Like you, Saint Joseph, may we always look with the eyes of faith. And let us act with a father's heart. Amen**

