

ROSARY OF ST. JOSEPH VAZ



ALL : In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL : I Believe

LEADER: Our Father (*One "Our Father"*)

LEADER: Hail Mary (*Hail Mary...thrice*)

LEADER: Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

ALL : As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

LEADER: 1ST MYSTERY: St Joseph Vaz, You were born in a God fearing family of Benaulim. Fill our families with the Almighty Father's love.

LEADER: Our Father (*One "Our Father"*)

(DECADE 10 TIMES)

LEADER: St. Joseph Vaz, You radiate the light of Jesus, the Sun. (*Decade 10 times*)

ALL : Pray for us O Patron and Disciple of Jesus. (*Decade 10 times*)

LEADER: Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

ALL : As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

LEADER: 2ND MYSTERY: St Joseph Vaz, You went to help the sisters and brothers who were suffering due to their staunch faith. Open our hearts to reach out to our worried and suffering brethren.

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LEADER: 3RD MYSTERY: St Joseph Vaz, You spread the good news of Jesus to distant lands, do grant us the enthusiasm to spread the Kingdom of Jesus.

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LEADER: 4TH MYSTERY: St. Joseph Vaz, You cured the body and soul of those in sickness, even at our present time cure the sick, who plead of You.

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LEADER: 5TH MYSTERY: St. Joseph Vaz, after living a blessed life, you breathed your last at Kandy. Pray that we too may lead an exemplary life and be graced by a blessed death.

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ALL : As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

LEADER: St. Joseph Vaz pray for us .

ALL : That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: (All together)

O God, You have ennobled your Church in Asia with the example and priestly ministry of Saint Joseph Vaz. Look upon Your people to whom Your servant enlivened with the Word of truth and nourished with the sacrament of life. Through His intercession may our faith continue to grow so that we may become ever more effective witnesses to the Gospel. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH VAZ APOSTLE OF SRI LANKA



Lord have mercy on us
Christ have mercy on us
Lord have mercy on us
Christ hear us

Christ graciously hear us
God the Father in heaven, Have mercy on us
Go the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy on us
God the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us
Holy Trinity One God, Have mercy on us
Holy Mary, Mother of God * Pray for us

-Saint Joseph Vaz, who was born in the village of Benaulim in Goa*
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who was trained in Catholic piety by devoted parents, Christopher Vaz and Maria Miranda. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who in tender age lived a holy and pious life in the home and among your fellow students. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who was endearingly known as “the Little Saint” from your childhood. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who preferred to pray long into the night, even while the family members lay down to sleep. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who experienced being being raised on high and embraced by a luminous light while in ecstasy. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who was called to the Holy Priesthood in order to save the flame of the Catholic Faith being extinguished from the land of Sri Lanka. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who decided to walk bare foot all your life as vow on the day of your ordination. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who spread the sweet odour of sanctity in the area around Kanara. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who was shocked and saddened to learn of the plight of the Catholics in Sri Lanka due to a persecution. *
-Saint Joseph, who returned to Goa to revive the Oratorian Fraternity and thereafter was its distinguished superior. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz who sold yourself before the Immaculate mother of God, in the hope of bearing up all life’s difficulties for the sake of Christ and of involving yourself totally as a slave in the work of evangelisation. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who disguised as a ship’s labourer reached Mannar in search of Catholics under the yoke of persecution. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who as soon as you reached Jaffna contacted the deadly Dysentery and was removed to the jungle to be left abandoned to yourself. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who revived and regained health after an old woman looking for firewood was providentially lead to serve you with herbal Kanji. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who despite the harassment of the Dutch Governor started reviving Catholic life making Sillalai your centre of Missionary activity. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, mindful of the request of a childless couple at Pullikulam prayed and obtained the grace they asked for. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who while travelling bare-foot through the forests made dangerous wild-animals and poisonous snakes to retreat by the power of the Holy Cross. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who searched for Catholics who had taken refuge in Wahakotte and Galgamuwa areas due to the cruel persecution of the Dutch and revived them and confirmed them in the Catholic Faith. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who while attempting to enter the Kandian Kingdom was arrested at Veuda as a spy by order of King Wimaladharmasuriya. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who suffered all insults and humiliations as a prisoner, accepts everything as the Holy will of God. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who at the island-wide drought respecting the King’s request prayed with confidence and brought down a miraculous shower. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who during the deadly smallpox epidemic treated all the sick with medicine and food and even carried their corpses for burial irrespective of clan or creed*. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who won the King’s confidence and being released from prison organised missionary activity with great zest and fervour even in the Dutch occupied areas. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who with great devotion prayed the Holy Rosary at all times, thereby teaching us to be devoted children of Our Saintly Mother. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz was attentive to the pain and anguish of everyone who sought relief and fatherly consolation. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who faced life’s challenges and threats with great trust in Divine Providence. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who while experiencing the Love of God brings all to Christ with your exemplary life of humility. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who with great compassion brings about solace to those heavily burden and affected with sufferings. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who intercedes before God on behalf of childless, couples to bless them with offspring. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who enriched the earlier church with lay leadership, setting an example to the present-day Lay-faithful. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, patron of travellers protecting all those who have recourse to you, until the end of their journeys. *
-Saint Joseph Vaz, who counselled your followers that what could not be performed during one’s life, could never be accomplished at the moment of one’s death. *

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us O Lord
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us

*Pray for us Saint Joseph Vaz, Patron of Goa and Apostle of Sri Lanka,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

LET US PRAY: Oh, God of all kindness we thank you for the grace of granting us Saint Joseph Vaz as the Apostle of Sri Lanka and Patron of Goa. We also beseech You through his intercession to protect us from all trials and tribulations that threaten our faith even as he protected the Faith of our forefathers when faced with bitter persecution. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.