

Blessed Is His Son Jesus Whom He Guarded and Guided

A poem honoring Saint Joseph by Rick McKinney, © 2021

Blessed is Joseph, son of Jacob, son of David, and blessed is his son Jesus whom he guarded and guided.

Blessed is Joseph of the village of Nazareth, a righteous man of God, and, of the whole Mosaic law.

Blessed is he who felt unworthy to take his holy bride into his humble home, that had no pride.

Blessed is he who desired to shield his beloved one from the harshness of law and of public law.

Blessed is he who obeyed a dream; and thus married his pregnant bride whom he so esteemed.

Blessed is he who decided not to have union with his beautiful wife, she so dear to his very life.

Blessed is he who led his very pregnant wife to their ancestral home, one which housed no rich throne.

Blessed is he who found in Bethlehem a warm stable on this earth where his wife could give birth.

Blessed is he who welcomed lowly shepherds to see his boy, and to share in tidings of great joy.

Blessed is he who had his son circumcised on the eighth day, and then gave him his name, to stay.

Blessed is he who presented his son in the Temple, and there found aged prophets, not so simple.

Blessed is he who welcomed Gentile wise men of three, who came to worship on bended knee.

Blessed is he who, again, obeyed a dream, and with his family, quickly and quietly fled the scene.

Blessed is he who skillfully worked with his hand, so to provide for his family in a foreign land.

Blessed is he who returned with his family, and after much mileage, came to their own obscure village.

Blessed is he who taught his son to work with both the dark of wood, and the light of God's word.

Blessed is he who brought his son to come and absorb the wonder of God, at temple and synagogue.

Blessed is he who, for his missing son, searched far and fast, and in the Father's house found him at last.

Blessed is he who himself imaged the heavenly Father; and thus taught his son to honor "two" fathers.

Blessed is he who died peacefully into new life, and in the presence of his holy son and holy wife.

Blessed is Joseph who prayed and won and may well have prayed for another Joseph to bury his son.

Blessed is Joseph, who now prays for all fathers and sons, as well as all their kindred ones, and blessed is his son Jesus, whom he guarded, and guided.

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