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Joseph of Arimathea

Feast Day: August 1

Joseph of Arimathea was a Biblical figure who we don't know much about. The only time he appears in the Bible is after Jesus' death when he provides a tomb for Jesus' burial. It is said that Joseph was a follower of Jesus, but he kept that fact a secret until Jesus died. While following Jesus during his life was risky, following Jesus after his death was dangerous. No one knew what the authorities would do to those who continued to follow Jesus' teachings. So, Joseph's decision to arrange for Jesus to be buried in his tomb was not only generous, but quite courageous. Joseph of Arimathea is an example of someone who showed compassion in the face of danger.

A Prayer for Joseph of Arimathea:

Merciful God, whose servant Joseph of Arimathea with reverence prepared the body of our Lord and Savior for burial and laid it in his own tomb: Grant to us, your faithful people, grace and courage to love and serve Jesus with sincere devotion all the days of our life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

