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Brothers and Sisters,

“First of all, then, I ask that supplication, prayers, petitions and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved to knowledge of the truth.”
-1 Timothy 2:1-4

Reflecting upon this scripture has led me to encourage all of you to join me in a novena to Saint Joseph, this year of Saint Joseph, for our President and our civic leaders, that they be given Divine wisdom to govern us well, and that their decisions will be guided by the teachings of Holy Mother Church.

This Novena will begin on March 11th, and will conclude on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, March 19th.

Hail, St. Joseph...

...Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us
In the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

May God's blessings be with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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