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June 26th



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ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA



St. Josemaria Escriva was born in Barbastro, Spain, on January 9, 1902. He was ordained to the priesthood in Zaragoza, Spain on March 28, 1925. On October 2, 1928, by divine inspiration, he founded Opus Dei—a Personal Prelature of the Catholic Church that fosters among Christians the search for holiness in the world, especially in the ordinary circumstances of life and the sanctification of work. On June 26, 1975, he died suddenly in Rome after a final affectionate glance at a picture of Our Lady in the room where he worked. Pope St. John Paul II canonized St. Josemaria in Rome on October 6, 2002. His liturgical feast is celebrated on June 26.

Speaking about his own life, St. Josemaria explained that, “the life of a man who lives by faith will always be the story of the mercies of God. At some moments the story may perhaps be difficult to read, because everything can seem useless and even a failure. But at other times Our Lord lets one see how the fruit abounds and then it is natural for one’s soul to break out in thanksgiving” (Conversations, no. 72).

The life of St. Josemaria Escriva, priest and founder of Opus Dei, was a life of faith, a life holy and full of God—a life dedicated to doing God’s will and bringing to the world the message God entrusted to him: “Sanctity is not for a privileged few. The Lord calls all of us. He expects love from all of us—from everyone, wherever they are; from everyone, whatever their state in life, their profession or job. For the daily life we live, apparently

so ordinary, can be a path to sanctity: it is not necessary to abandon one’s place in the world in order to search for God... because all the paths of the earth can be the occasion for an encounter with Christ” (Letter 24-III-1930, no. 2).

Prayer for Saint Josemaria’s intercession

O God, through the mediation of Mary our Mother, you granted your priest St. Josemaria countless graces, choosing him as a most faithful instrument to found Opus Dei, a way of sanctification in daily work and in the fulfillment of the Christian’s ordinary duties. Grant that I too may learn to turn all the circumstances and events of my life into occasions of loving You and serving the Church, the Pope and all souls with joy and simplicity, lighting up the pathways of this earth with faith and love. Deign to grant me, through the intercession of St. Josemaria, the favor of ... **(make your request)**. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be to the Father.

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Prayer for Holiness in Daily Work



O God, through the mediation of Saint Josemaría, you taught that ordinary life is a path to holiness.

Help me to sanctify my work, to do all things with love, and to offer every task — small or great — for Your glory.

Through his intercession, grant me the grace to seek You in the duties of each day. Amen.

Short Prayer for Help in Work

Saint Josemaría, apostle of ordinary holiness, teach me to find Christ in my work, in my family, and in the small duties of today.

Help me to offer everything to God with love. Amen.

Prayer for Joy and Perseverance

Saint Josemaría, you taught that holiness is for everyone. Help me not to grow discouraged, but to persevere with joy, even in difficulties. May I live each day as an opportunity to love God more. Amen.

The “Come, O Holy Spirit” Prayer (from *The Way*)

Theme: Docility to the Holy Spirit This prayer is often used before spiritual reading or meditation

St. Josemaría asks the Holy Spirit to fill the soul with light, strength, and love so that one may understand and carry out God’s will.

Short excerpt:

“Come, O Holy Spirit: enlighten my understanding to know your commands...”

Prayer for St. Josemaria’s Guidance

Our Father, we look to St. Josemaria Escriva, a beacon of faith and toil. Grant us the spirit of dedication he embodied, to see the divine in our daily work. May his intercession inspire us to sanctify the ordinary and live joyfully in Your love. Amen.

Seeking Saint Josemaria’s Guidance Dear Lord, We humbly seek the intercession of Saint Josemaria, that we may embrace our daily tasks with joy and purpose. Grant us the wisdom to find holiness in the ordinary and the strength to serve others selflessly. May his example inspire us to live our faith boldly and to seek Your will in all that we do. Amen.

Finding Strength with St. Josemaria

Holy Father, we come before You seeking strength and guidance through the intercession of St. Josemaria.

May his unwavering faith inspire us to embrace our daily challenges with courage and grace. Grant us the fortitude to persevere in our endeavors, and help us to find joy in our work, reflecting Your love in all we do. Amen.

Embracing Sainthood through Josemaria

O Father, we humbly seek Your guidance as we strive to embrace sainthood through the example of St. Josemaria. May his unwavering faith and dedication inspire us to live our lives in holiness, serving others with love and humility. Help us to recognize the sacred in our daily tasks and to grow closer to You in every moment. Amen.

St. Josemaria’s Path to Holiness

Our Father, we seek Your guidance on the path to holiness, inspired by St. Josemaria’s example. Help us to embrace our daily lives with love and dedication, finding You in the ordinary. Grant us the strength to pursue virtue and the grace to serve others selflessly. May we grow in faith and reflect Your light in all we do. Amen.

Trusting God’s Will with St. Josemaria

Dear Lord, In the spirit of St. Josemaria, I seek to embrace Your divine will with unwavering trust. Help me to surrender my fears and desires, knowing that Your plans are greater than my own.

May I find peace in every circumstance, and may my heart be open to Your guidance. Strengthen my faith, Lord, as I walk in Your light. Amen.

Daily Encouragement from St. Josemaria

O Father, we humbly seek Your guidance and strength each day. May the wisdom of St. Josemaria inspire us to embrace our daily tasks with joy and purpose. Help us to find encouragement in Your presence, to uplift one another, and to live out our faith boldly. Grant us the grace to see Your hand in every moment. Amen.

St. Josemaria’s Wisdom in Challenges

O Father, we humbly seek the wisdom of St. Josemaria as we face life’s challenges. Grant us the strength to embrace difficulties with faith and perseverance. May his teachings inspire us to find joy in our struggles and to trust in Your divine plan. Help us to grow in virtue and to serve others with love, reflecting Your light in all we do. Amen.

Discovering Joy in Work with St. Josemaria

Lord Jesus, Guide us in our daily labors, that we may find joy and purpose in every task. Inspired by St. Josemaria, help us to see our work as a path to holiness and service. May we embrace each challenge with a grateful heart, reflecting Your love and light in all we do. Amen.

St. Josemaria’s Message of Hope

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the gift of hope that St. Josemaria so beautifully shared. May we embrace his message, finding strength in our daily struggles and joy in our service to others. Help us to trust in Your divine plan, illuminating our paths with faith and love. Let hope flourish in our hearts, guiding us closer to You. Amen.



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