

Isidoro Zorzano



Isidoro has been decreed Venerable for ten years. On 21 December 2016, Pope Francis authorised the publication of the decree on heroic virtues, which contains the message that the Church conveys to us through Isidoro. "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master" (Mt 25:21, 23). These words of Our Lord Jesus Christ may be suitably applied to Isidoro Zorzano, who was a good and faithful servant precisely 'over little things': he loved God and his neighbour in the circumstances of ordinary life."

On 24 August 1930, Isidoro asked to be admitted to Opus Dei. "There began in this way a continuous progression in his spiritual life, which reached an ever more intimate union with God and a growing love for the Holy Church. Isidoro sought sanctity in the world in a constant way, as one of the lay faithful." Endowed with great tenacity, he was an engineer who "practised in an exemplary way: diligence at work; loyalty and a spirit of service towards his colleagues; love for justice when promoting initiatives for those most in need; and faith and charity through his work of catechesis and formation in the most abandoned sectors of society".

Isidoro's message

"He had a deep eucharistic devotion and received the sacrament of penance frequently. He also gave abundant proofs of his devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. He gave great importance to his mental and vocal prayer. He practised a spirit of penance and mortification, especially in fulfilment of the duties of each moment, and in joyfully accepting difficulties and setbacks."

Isidoro radiated peace through his calm and thoughtful demeanour. Blessed Alvaro del Portillo wrote that Isidoro combined "that industrious spirit with a humility that was far from common. Isidoro was never a hindrance."

Prayer to Isidoro

Almighty God, you granted your servant Isidoro abundant graces as he carried out his daily work: grant that I also may learn to sanctify my ordinary work and take the light of Christ to my friends and colleagues. Deign to glorify your servant, and, through his intercession, grant me the favour I request . . . (*here make your petition*). Amen.

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

In conformity with the decrees of Pope Urban VIII, we declare that there is no intention of anticipating in any way the judgement of the Church, and that this prayer is not intended for public use.

News of the Cause

Isidoro was declared Venerable in December 2016

Anyone who has obtained favours through the intercession of the Venerable Isidoro Zorzano, is asked to let us know by writing to the address below. More information is available at www.isidorozorzano.org

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Favour A request gratefully granted

I submitted an application for an external evaluation of my research work at a university. I had tried to do this before, but without success. This time I was looking forward to it, though I was somewhat apprehensive due to my previous bad experience and I didn't feel very confident.

Furthermore, my promotion as a lecturer depended in part on a positive outcome of this evaluation. The deadline for a decision is six months. With just a few days to go before the result, I began to feel anxious and realised that I had done everything except ask Isidoro for help. I began a novena. As the deadline had not yet passed, I started another novena. All that remained was to wait. Although I still had no answer, I did notice that I was calmer: I was confident that the evaluation would go well and, above all, I was less anxious about it going badly.

In the final days of the novena, I thanked Isidoro for having helped me. With one day to go, I saw that an article about devotion to Isidoro had been published on the website: I shared it with friends to ask them to join me in prayer. On the last day of the second novena, after praying the prayer card, I received the decision: it was positive. **R.P. (Spain, 2025)**

Favour The only vacancy in eight years

Eight years ago, I prayed a novena to the Venerable Isidoro Zorzano to find a job. Three months later, I was hired, and I have worked there ever since. Since I joined, no one else has been hired in my department. I will always be grateful to him for granting my request.

X.J. (Ecuador, 2025)