

Isidoro Zorzano



After Isidoro's death in 1943, a witness heard St Josemaría say that it took three people to replace him in his duties. In this way the founder of Opus Dei pointed out to his spiritual sons the discreet efficiency of the venerable servant of God. Blessed Alvaro del Portillo recalls that Isidoro was able to work with constancy, peace and joy. Although in the last years of his life the physical pain of cancer did not allow him the necessary rest.

When in 1930 his friend Josemaría introduced him to the spirit of Opus Dei, Isidoro discovered the sanctification of ordinary work: professional duties are part of God's will for us. And we find God in carrying them out competently and with love. In Malaga, his duties as an industrial engineer included the maintenance of the railways. A colleague of Isidoro's says that he was a *"tireless worker and master of his profession, he was always in areas requiring the most work and the least opportunity to shine"*.

Heroism at work

After the Spanish Civil War Isidoro lived in Madrid, in a student residence in Jenner Street. Juan Jiménez Vargas, director of the residence during the 1939-1940 academic year, writes: *"What struck me most was his tireless and meticulous work in all administrative matters. [...] I admired greatly how promptly and tenaciously he fulfilled his duties. He often had work to do on things around the house, which he always finished in the evening before going to bed"*. Isidoro had internalised the idea that God had created man and put him in the garden of Eden "to till it and care for it" (Gen 2:15), so industriousness is part of our response of love for God.



Prayer for Private Devotion

Almighty God, you filled your servant Isidoro with an abundant wealth of grace as he carried out his professional duties in the midst of the world: grant that I also may learn to sanctify my ordinary work and bring 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 Servant of God, Isidoro Zorzano, is asked to let us know by writing to the address below. More information is available at www.isidorozorzano.org

Favour

Keep taking novenas!

After an accident, D. always had pain in his right hand. Several operations only increased the discomfort. First it affected the mobility of his arm and then his balance. He had to use a wheelchair and was recognised as being 76% disabled. Finally, treatment had to be suspended because of an allergic reaction. Having exhausted the therapies, the doctor recommended patience.

D. then invited his acquaintances to pray to Isidoro Zorzano for nine days to ask for his cure because he wanted to return to work. He also went to Isidoro's tomb in the parish of St Albert the Great in the Vallecas neighbourhood of Madrid. On the last day of the novena, while travelling in a car, he began to feel a tingling in his leg. They stopped at a petrol station. He got out of the car unaided. His balance, lost years ago, had returned. And sensation. His fingers could stretch again. The pain was gone. He hugged his friend and immediately called his wife, who couldn't believe it.

When the doctor saw him, he didn't recognise him. The doctor ran tests and kept saying "I can't believe it". At the end he said: "the only thing that is clear to me is the new treatment: keep taking novenas". This cure has been published on the web and in recent months more and more people have been coming to Isidoro's tomb to ask him to intercede with God on their behalf.

Cure of D.R.N. (Spain)

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