

VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD



PRAYER FOR PRIVATE DEVOTION

O God, You granted your servant Montse the grace of serene and cheerful dedication to your will with admirable simplicity in everyday life. Grant that I may lovingly offer to You all my daily activity and convert it into Christian service for others. Deign to glorify your servant Montse and through her intercession grant me the favor I ask of You... (make your request). Amen.

OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, GLORY BE

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

Montse Grases García was born in Barcelona on July 10, 1941, into a deeply Christian family. Cheerful, energetic, and generous by nature, with a strong personality, she loved being with friends and playing sports. Her parents raised her and her eight siblings in a home marked by warmth, a spirit of service, and sincere piety.

At fourteen, she began to grow more deeply in her faith, nourishing it through prayer and the sacraments, and she sought formation at Llar, an Opus Dei center. Her dream was to become a nurse, and while she waited to grow old enough to begin those studies, she continued her education at a vocational school in Barcelona.

That Christmas, in 1957, after months of reflection, prayer, and discernment, she asked for admission to Opus Dei, having come to understand that God was calling her to seek holiness in the middle of ordinary life.

Several things stand out about her: her love for the Most Holy Humanity of Christ, deep Eucharistic piety, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, profound humility, joyful acceptance of sacrifice, and ever-present desire to serve. She had a gift for finding God in the everyday (family and friends, study and life at home) and for bringing meaning to small, ordinary moments.

In 1958, she was diagnosed with bone cancer in one of her legs. The condition caused her intense pain, which she bore with remarkable strength and courage. Throughout her illness, her infectious joy and extraordinary gift for friendship meant that she continued to draw many of those around her closer to God.

She died on Holy Thursday, March 26, 1959. Her body rests in the Oratory of Santa María de Bonaigua (Jiménez i Iglesias 1, 08034 Barcelona). On April 26, 2016, Pope Francis declared that she had lived the Christian virtues to a heroic degree.

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