



Saint Josemaría Escrivá

Founder of Opus Dei

PRAYER

O God, through the Blessed Virgin Mary, you granted countless graces to your priest Saint Josemaría, choosing him as a most faithful instrument to found Opus Dei, a way of sanctification in daily work and in the fulfilment of the ordinary duties of a Christian. Grant that I also may learn to turn all the circumstances and events of my life into opportunities to love you and to serve the Church, the Pope and all souls with joy and simplicity, lighting up the paths of the earth with faith and love. Through the intercession of Saint Josemaría, grant me the favour I request ... (*here make your petition*). Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Wherever your yearnings, your work, your affections are, that is the place for your daily encounter with Christ. It is in the midst of the most material things of the earth that we must sanctify ourselves, serving God and all people. Heaven and earth seem to merge, my daughters and sons, on the horizon. But where they really meet is in your hearts, when you sanctify your everyday lives.

Saint Josemaría Escrivá, *Passionately Loving the World*, 8 October 1967.

Saint Josemaría Escrivá was born in Barbastro, Spain, on 9 January 1902. He was ordained to the priesthood in Saragossa on 28 March 1925. On 2 October 1928, by divine inspiration, he founded Opus Dei. On 26 June 1975, he died unexpectedly in Rome in the room where he worked, after a last affectionate glance at a picture of Our Lady. By then Opus Dei had spread to five continents, with over 60,000 members of 80 nationalities, serving the Church with the same spirit of complete union with the Pope and the Bishops that characterised Saint Josemaría. His Holiness, Saint John Paul II canonized the Founder of Opus Dei in Rome on 6 October 2002. His feast is celebrated on 26 June. The body of Saint Josemaría rests in Our Lady of Peace, the Prelatic Church of Opus Dei, at 75 Viale Bruno Buozzi, Rome.

Further information is available at:

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With ecclesiastical approval.