



## **Saint Josemaría Escrivá**

### **Founder of Opus Dei**

#### **PRAYER**

*O God, through the most 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 to holiness through daily work and 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 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 please grant 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 sons and daughters, on the horizon. But where they really meet is in your hearts, when you sanctify your everyday lives.*

Saint Josemaría Escrivá, Homily *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. Opus Dei had by then 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 which characterised Saint Josemaría. His Holiness Pope John Paul II canonised 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 the prelatric Church of Our Lady of Peace, Viale Bruno Buozzi 75, Rome.

Further information on Saint Josemaría Escrivá can be found at:

[www.josemariaescriva.info](http://www.josemariaescriva.info)  
[www.escrivaworks.org](http://www.escrivaworks.org)

*Those who obtain favours through the intercession of Saint Josemaría Escrivá are asked to notify the Opus Dei Prelature, 4 Orme Court, London W2 4RL.*

*With ecclesiastical approval.*