



The Servant of God  
**Fr. Joseph Múzquiz**

Prayer for private devotion

God, you helped your servant Joseph work with generosity and simplicity. He spread the message of sanctity in secular life to many people, teaching them to find joy and peace in their daily life. Help me to seek first the kingdom of God, by sanctifying my everyday work and dedicating myself generously to the salvation of souls. Glorify your servant Joseph, and through his intercession, grant me the favor I ask of you. (Here make your request). 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 judgment of the Church, and that this prayer is not intended for public use.

Joseph Muzquiz was one of the first persons to join Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church, which encourages people of every background and occupation to seek holiness through their daily work. He was also one of the first three men ordained as priests of Opus Dei, and was instrumental in starting Opus Dei's work in a number of countries.

He was born on October 14, 1912, in Badajoz, Spain. While studying in Madrid in 1934, he met Saint Josemaría Escrivá, the founder of Opus Dei. Responding to God's call, he joined Opus Dei in January of 1940. As a civil engineer he sought to sanctify his work building bridges and railroad stations, and carried out apostolate with colleagues and friends. He was ordained as a priest on June 25, 1944.

In 1949 Father Joseph went to the United States to start Opus Dei's apostolic work there, first in Chicago and then in other cities. In the late 1950s, he traveled extensively, laying the groundwork for Opus Dei's beginnings in Asia. He subsequently worked in Rome,

Switzerland and Spain, and then in 1976 he returned to the United States.

On June 21, 1983, Father Joseph died, after suffering a heart attack while teaching a class at Arnold Hall Conference Center in Pembroke, MA. He is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Brookline, MA.

Father Joseph was an inspiration to thousands of people of every social background. His warm love, tireless work, and humble simplicity brought him a reputation for holiness among all who knew him.

Learn more about Father Joseph at [www.opusdei.org](http://www.opusdei.org).

Those who obtain favors through the intercession of Father Joseph Muzquiz are asked to notify: Prelature of Opus Dei, Office for the Causes of Saints, 139 E. 34th Street, New York, NY 10016. Email: [ocs@opusdei.org](mailto:ocs@opusdei.org)

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