

# The Servant of God **Fr. José María Hernández**

*Prayer for private devotion*

Lord our God, you deigned to make use of your priest servant José María to spread throughout many countries the call to sanctity in ordinary life. Help me to draw close to Christ in my daily occupations, in order to bring the joy of the Christian vocation to many other souls. Glorify your servant José María, and through his intercession grant me the favor I request. (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.*





José María Hernández Garnica was born in Madrid on November 17, 1913. He obtained doctorates in engineering, the natural sciences, and theology. He asked for admission to Opus Dei on July 28, 1935. He died in Barcelona on December 7, 1972.

He generously corresponded to his vocation. He centered his life on the Holy Mass, and was thus apostolically fruitful. He was always very close to St Josemaria, the Founder of Opus Dei, who had such great confidence in him.

Moved by God's grace, he used the many human talents he had to serve the Church and all souls he met, always considering himself a servant of all. He had a simple humility and an extraordinary frankness and sincerity that made his personality very attractive.

On June 25, 1944 he was ordained a priest. Afterwards, St. Josemaria entrusted him especially with the task of providing the impetus to the apostolic work of Opus Dei among women in

Spain, which he combined with many other priestly duties all over the country.

Later on, he was sent to several European countries to pursue further his priestly ministry. He worked in England, Ireland, France, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands.

He sanctified himself in his ordinary tasks with great generosity: he learned several languages, adapted to different environments, and faced hardships of all kinds in countries where he began the apostolic work of Opus Dei.

He suffered with great patience and spirit of sacrifice his various illnesses, but most especially the last one, which lasted over a year. God wanted to take him to Himself on the eve of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception in 1972, while he was praying.

*Those who obtain favors through the intercession of Fr. José María Hernández are asked to notify the Opus Dei Prelature, Viale Bruno Buozzi 75, Rome, Italy, or email [info@opusdei.org](mailto:info@opusdei.org).*