



Pedro Ballester

PRAYER

for private devotion

Heavenly Father, you gave your son Pedro a deep and cheerful faith, love for the Cross, and zeal to bring his friends closer to Christ. Help me also to offer my work, joys and sufferings for the good of the Church and for the salvation of all. Grant through Pedro's prayers what I now ask (*name the intention*) and that I too may grow each day in faith and love for Jesus, by making Him, with our Lady's help, the centre of my life and love. 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 judgement of the Church, and that this prayer is not intended for public use.

Pedro Ballester was born in Manchester on 22 May 1996. The eldest of three brothers, he was brought up in a cheerful Catholic family in the north of England. From an early age he stood out for his warmheartedness and generosity. He was renowned for being a hard-working student, and a good friend to all.

While in his late teens, his deep faith led him to dedicate his life to God in Opus Dei, seeking to love Jesus Christ above all things through his studies, friendships and ordinary life. As a numerary member of Opus Dei, Pedro received the gift of apostolic celibacy and made himself completely available to attend to the apostolic undertakings and the formation of other members of the Prelature.

In December 2014, shortly after starting at university, he was diagnosed with advanced cancer of the pelvis. Pedro saw his illness as an opportunity to embrace the Cross of Jesus, and joyfully offered up his sufferings for the Pope, the Church, and all souls. He declared how fortunate he was, and thought of himself as being in the arms of the Blessed Virgin. The fortitude and serenity with which he bore his illness to the end inspired numerous people to come closer to God and the Church.

Pedro rendered up his soul to God on 13 January 2018. From the very day of his death, reports have been received of favours obtained through his intercession.

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