

# Josemaria Escriva

## Quotes

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Thinking, Ifs, Rosary, Ordinary, Inspiration, Purity, Needs, Men, Persevere,  
Prayer, Light*

Understand this well: there is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it.

~Josemaria Escriva

Either we learn to find the Lord in the ordinary everyday life or else we shall never find him

~Josemaria Escriva

Don't say, "That person bothers me." Think: "That person sanctifies me".

~Josemaria Escriva

You're bored? That's because you keep your senses awake and your soul asleep.

~Josemaria Escriva

Put your heart aside. Duty comes first. But when fulfilling your duty, put your heart into it. It helps.

~Josemaria Escriva

You need a heart which is in love, not an easy life, to achieve happiness.

~Josemaria Escriva

To begin is for everyone. To persevere is for saints.

~Josemaria Escriva

Say the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of Hail Mary's which purifies the monotony of your sins!

~Josemaria Escriva

You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be

sure you have already begun.

~Josemaria Escriva

When you approach the tabernacle remember that he has been waiting for you for twenty centuries.

~Josemaria Escriva

Don't judge without having heard both sides. Even persons who think themselves virtuous very easily forget this elementary rule of prudence.

~Josemaria Escriva

To defend his purity, Saint Francis of Assisi rolled in the snow, Saint Benedict threw himself into a thorn bush, and Saint Bernard plunged into an icy pond... You - what have you done?

~Josemaria Escriva

Love our Lady. And she will obtain abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggle.

~Josemaria Escriva

If you have so many defects, why are you surprised to find defects in others?

~Josemaria Escriva

It's true he was a sinner. But don't pass so final a judgement. Have pity in your heart and don't forget that he may yet be an Augustine, while you remain just another mediocrity.

~Josemaria Escriva

Compromise is a word found only in the vocabulary of those who have no will to fight.

~Josemaria Escriva

To begin is easy; to persevere is sanctity.- Let your perseverance not be a blind consequence of the first impulse, the work of inertia: let it be a reflective perseverance.

~Josemaria Escriva

The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results.

~Josemaria Escriva

All the things that are now worrying you can be put into a smile which shows your love of God.

~Josemaria Escriva

You go to pray; to become a bonfire, a living flame, giving light and heat.

~Josemaria Escriva

When you decide firmly to lead a clean life, chastity will not be a burden on you: it will be a crown of triumph.

~Josemaria Escriva

St. Joseph was an ordinary sort of man on whom God relied to do great things. He did exactly what the Lord wanted him to do, in each and every event that went to make up his life.

~Josemaria Escriva

You strayed from the way and did not return because you were ashamed. It would be more logical if you were ashamed not to return.

~Josemaria Escriva

When you see the storm coming, if you seek safety in that firm refuge which is Mary, there will be no danger of your wavering or going down.

~Josemaria Escriva

Faith, joy, optimism. But not the folly of closing your eyes to reality.

~Josemaria Escriva

For everyone, whatever his state--single, married, widowed, or priest-chastity is a triumphant affirmation of love.

~Josemaria Escriva

Temptation is necessary to make us realize that we are nothing in ourselves.

~Josemaria Escriva

If I love, there will be no hell for me.

~Josemaria Escriva

An hour of study, for the modern apostle, is an hour of prayer.

~Josemaria Escriva

Don't neglect your spiritual reading. - Reading has made many saints.

~Josemaria Escriva

As soon as you willfully allow a dialogue with temptation to begin, the soul is robbed of peace, just as consent to impurity destroys grace.

~Josemaria Escriva

If you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path.

~Josemaria Escriva

If you don't have a plan of life, you'll never have order.

~Josemaria Escriva

You can be sure you are a man of God if you suffer injustice gladly and in silence.

~Josemaria Escriva

He has much who needs least. Do not create necessities for yourself.

~Josemaria Escriva

There is need for a crusade of manliness and purity to counteract and nullify the savage work of those who think man is a beast. And that crusade is your work.

~Josemaria Escriva

That conversation... was as dirty as a sewer! It is not enough for you to take no part in it. You must show your repugnance for it strongly!

~Josemaria Escriva

Among us there is no place for the lukewarm. Humble yourself, and Christ will kindle in you again the fire of love.

~Josemaria Escriva

Holy Purity is granted by God when it is asked for with humility.

~Josemaria Escriva

Before, by yourself, you couldn't. Now, you've turned to our Lady, and with her, how easy!

~Josemaria Escriva

Our Lady listens attentively to what God wants, ponders what she doesn't fully understand and asks about what she doesn't know. Then she gives herself completely to doing the divine will.

~Josemaria Escriva

At the time of your examination(of sins) beware of the devil that ties your tongue.

~Josemaria Escriva

God is here. This truth should fill our lives, and every Christmas should be for us a new and special meeting with God, when we allow his light

and grace to enter deep into our soul.

~Josemaria Escriva

Have confidence. Return. Invoke our Lady and you'll be faithful.

~Josemaria Escriva

We all must have the faith of children, but the doctrine of theologians.

~Josemaria Escriva

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