



**The Servant of God**

# Ismael de Tomelloso

## PRAYER

Lord Our God,  
who through the Most Holy Virgin Mary  
granted to your Servant Ismael de Tomelloso  
the grace of serving your Church  
among the youth and the elderly homeless  
with joy and dedication.

Deign to glorify your Servant Ismael  
and grant me, through his intercession,  
the favor I now ask... (ask favor). Amen

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Gloria

"In accordance with the decrees of Pope Urban VIII, we hereby declare that we intend, in no way to obviate the judgment of the Church authorities, and that this prayer is not meant for public devotion."

## Biographical Sketch

Ismael Molinero Novillo was born in Tomelloso on May 1st, 1917, the fifth of eleven siblings.

He attended the Colegio de la Milagrosa but interrupted his studies in order to help support his family by working as a sales clerk. His joyful nature, intelligence, creativity and guitar-playing skill attracted customers to the store. At the age of seventeen, he joined Catholic Action Youth through a friend and drew other teenagers to it. He devoted his heart to the elderly homeless housed at the local Shelter. At the height of the Spanish Civil War, he was drafted and fought at the Teruel front where he heroically offered his life to God and for peace on earth.

Taken prisoner and gravely ill with tuberculosis, Ismael gave up his life at the Saragossa Doctors' Hospital where he offered his suffering in complete silence until his death on May 5th, 1938, at the age of twenty-one.

## Some thoughts

- "I am of God and for God. If I die, I will belong all to God in heaven. If I don't... I want to be a priest!"
- "How many would have been saints, had they only run into other saints!..."
- "Since I don't know how to speak and I'm not very smart, I wouldn't be able to talk about good things or about religion; for this reason, I want to be a life example."
- "When I receive Communion, I will complete my detachment, leaving my whims, my likes, and the needs of my poor nature with Christ."
- "I want to live absorbed in Him, lost in His immensity, totally delivered over to Him. No selfishness or money, comforts, family, or honors ... only Christ!"
- "While I did not deserve the grace of shedding my blood for Christ, still God has deigned to

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