

[TRADUCCIÓN AL INGLÉS]
LUIS MARÍA MENDIZÁBAL OSTOLAZA, S.J.

Prayer for private devotion

Dear God, merciful Father, who wished to reveal to us the depth of your love in the Heart of your Son: the same Heart that you shaped in the womb of the Virgin Mary, through the Holy Spirit, was pierced on the cross and now remains alive and beating in the Eucharist.

You granted the Jesuit, Fr. Luís M^ª. Mendizábal, a burning knowledge and a profound experience of the mystery of the Heart of Christ, and made him a tireless apostle, father and spiritual teacher.

Grant, through his intercession, that I strive to please you only in all things, to be good always and to everyone, to contribute with your Son, Jesus Christ, to the redemption of the world and, if it be your will, the favor that I now ask of you (*petition*)

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

In conformity with the decrees of Pope Urban VIII, we declare that this in no way aims to anticipate the judgement of the ecclesiastical Authority, and that this prayer has no place in public worship

Father Luis María Mendizábal Ostolaza, S. J., was born in Vergara (Guipúzcoa) on June 4, 1925. He entered the Company of Jesus in Loyola on August 28, 1940, was ordained a priest in Innsbruck (Austria) on July 25, 1952, and made his final vows on August 15, 1958.

Educated in the Faculties of Theology of Sant Cugat (Barcelona), Innsbruck (Austria) and the Gregorian (Rome), he was, at just 31 years of age, designated professor of Spiritual Theology at the Gregorian University of Rome (1956-1970). During this time he established a relationship with various theologians and conciliar fathers, and his reputation rapidly grew as a magnificent confessor and spiritual counsellor. Subsequently, he combined his teaching activity in Rome with new tasks in Spain: he was an instructor of Tertianship Jesuits in Gandía (1966-1970) and dedicated many years to the Apostolate of Prayer (1969-1994) of which he was the National Director, while also directing the review *Reino de Cristo (Kingdom of Christ)*. He participated in the spiritual formation of candidates to the priesthood in the Diocesan Seminary of Toledo. He was also the confessor in the Jesuit church in Toledo (1994-2011), and he spent his last years as a contributor in the infirmary of the Jesuit residence in Alcalá de Henares (Madrid), where he continued to attend to all those who sought his spiritual advice.

The Director of hundreds of series of spiritual exercises and a tireless apostle of the Heart of Christ, he died in Alcalá de Henares on January 18, 2018 at the age of 92, having left an indelible mark on those with whom he came into contact, thanks to his spiritual fervour, deep joyfulness, endearing mercy and apostolic zeal.

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