

PRAYER REQUESTING GRACES

Almighty and merciful
God and Father,
we thank and bless you
for instilling in the heart
of Blessed Francisco
Palau
a singular love for the
Church, the mystical
Body of Christ,
by revealing to him her
beauty as illustrated in
Mary,
and inspiring him to serve
her through prayer and
apostolic activity. Grant
us his prompt canoniza-
tion in the Church
and the special grace we
are asking through his in-
tercession. Through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen

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CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION

Contemplative life must be joined with active life, and active life with works of charity, and among these the most notable are teaching and care for the sick. (Letter 96,2)



The meaning of the word "*contemplation*", according to the Bible, is to become aware of supernatural realities, focusing mind and heart in God. The first stages of attaining contemplation are based on asceticism, in which the body is mastered to illuminate the soul, making it more sensitive to the divine presence. This is the process gradually undertaken by Blessed Francisco Palau.

There can be no doubt that the life of *Father Francisco was one of constant contemplation in which his communication with the Church gave him the certainties to move forward*. When he asked questions, he found answers and with the answers, he took prompt and appropriate actions. Whenever

someone encounters God, God cannot be hidden or kept to oneself, for He is triune: *God is community*.

His response can be seen in the missions, in the month of Mary, in the School of Virtue, in the personalized attention to his followers and to anyone who came to him with any spiritual need.

I cannot imagine how difficult his life was: *persecution, slander, betrayal..., but there is no complaint in his witness*. He found strength in the ascetic life and in the depth of his prayer. In prayer and in the encounter with reality where he discovered his mission, he never doubted his vocation: *To live in Carmel I needed only one thing, that is, vocation* (VS.10).

May this way of integration of contemplation and action invite us to continue in dialogue with God, to recognize his desire in our lives and above all to offer this love to our brothers and sisters.

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PHRASES : Small physiognomies of his mind

in Writings, Letter 6,7.

In prayer, take a general interest in the welfare of all persons [...] Imitate Jesus Christ in this and you will find a true teacher and a model of prayer. Follow him in all his ways; see him in the desert praying for all mankind, in the Garden of Olives agonizing for them, in preaching assisting them in their needs, on the Cross offering himself to the Father as a victim of atonement. [...] This, my daughter, is the true way.