



DARWIN RAMOS

1994 - 2012

Darwin Ramos was born in a poor family in Manila, on December 17th 1994. In spite of an illness that atrophied his muscles, and soon prevented him from being able to stand, he was forced to beg in the streets to support his family.

In 2006, he was received by the Tulay ng Kabataan Foundation which takes care of street children. He was baptized on December 23rd, then he received communion and was confirmed a year later. His faith was simple and profound, rooted in prayer and thanks-giving. All through his illness, he was in a deep union with Christ on the Cross, and full of hope. He was radiant with joy, and comforted the children of the Foundation.

On September 16th 2012, his illness became more severe. He then experienced a true Holy Week: on Thursday, an inner struggle, on Friday, he wrote with great peace: "A huge thank you. I am very happy." After a silent Saturday, he died on Sunday, September 23rd 2012.

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O GOD of all Joy, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you never leave alone
those who are in a time of trial.

We thank you for giving us,
in Darwin Ramos, a street child,
an illuminating example of Christian life.

During his short life
you gave him the grace
of simple never-failing faith,
of joyful hope in illness,
of endless charitable concern for his neighbor.

We pray you grant your servant Darwin
glorification on earth
so that young and sick people
may find in him a master of Joy.

Through his intercession, hear our prayer,
(express it here).

We ask this, through Jesus-Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Our Father/Hail Mary/Glory to the Father.

 **DARWIN RAMOS**
the Filipino master of Joy

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