

## Reflection and Prayer

Use this quote to reflect on the work of SSVP, both in the past and in modern times.

“Charity must never look backwards but always to the front, because the number of good deeds already accomplished is very small, while present and future hardships remain infinite.”

### ***Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853)***

- Ask the students to consider how the work of SSVP members is relevant in relation to this statement and how issues and problems in society have (or have not) changed over the past 200 years.
- Discuss how and why the approach of SSVP is still important today.

### Daily prayer for Members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul

Loving Father, help me through the guidance of your Holy Spirit to be a true Vincentian today– to see and reverence Christ in all the people I meet especially the lonely, the troubled and the poor. Inspire me to serve them with love and generosity. Through Jesus Christ Your Son,  
Our Lord,  
Amen.