YOUTH SSVP MEETING PRAYERS

OPENING PRAYERS

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Group: and the whole face of the earth will be renewed.

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Vincentian Family Prayer

(Group should say these prayers together)

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Prayer for a Fruitful Meeting

Let us remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "When two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" *(Short Silence).*

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We thank You Lord, for the many blessings we receive from those we work with and help. Help us to love and respect them, to understand their deeper needs and share their burdens and joys as true friends.

For the Pope and all members of the Vincentian Family

Grant the courage, peace and confidence You alone can give, to our Holy father the Pope and to those we work with, to all who help us in the work, to our overseas brothers and sisters, to any members of the SSVP and their families who may be troubled or in need.

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