

Petition Prayer

God our Father, You alone have the power to bestow those precious gifts of Yours which You rightly call miracles. If it be Your will, be pleased to grant such a gift on behalf of

(name of person or persons being prayed for)

We humbly ask that You grant this favour to glorify Your Holy Servant Blessed Frederic Ozanam, that it may serve to have him raised to the altars of Your saints by our Holy Mother the Church. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

To be recited on the death of a member, benefactor, person visited.

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord:

Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If Thou O Lord wilt mark iniquities; Lord, who shall endure it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of Thy law, I have waited for Thee O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and with Him plentiful redemption

And He shall redeem Israel from all her iniquities.

V. Eternal rest give unto him/her/them O Lord

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him/her/them

May his/her/their soul/souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

Lord Jesus, who, seeing the cold indifference of the world, and in order to revive charity amongst men, has unveiled before them thy Sacred Heart and revealed the infinite riches of thy divine love, behold us prostrate before thee, we who form only one family, by the bond of fraternal charity, scattered, it is true, throughout the world, but united under the standard of St Vincent de Paul, and forming only one body and one soul in the common spirit of the apostolate of charity; we dedicate and consecrate to thy divine person and to thy Sacred Heart this our council (or conference), and all members who compose it, the poor whom we visit in thy name, the youths and children whom we receive in our patronages in order to maintain them in thy service; in a word, all those of whom we have the care, and all the works we have undertaken in various places for thy glory. Quite unworthy though we be, we beseech thee to receive this offering in the odour of sweetness; inflame us with that fire which from the depths of thy heart thou desirest to see burning more and more each day, in order that, filled with the tenderness of thy heart, we may learn to despise things here below, to love our brethren, to help our neighbour, by word and example, and that, amongst the vicissitudes of this world, we may fix our hearts on the riches and happiness that shall never end. Amen.

*This Act of Consecration, drawn up at the request of the Society, by the Rev. Fr. Matignon, S.J., was read for the first time at Montmartre on the 21 November 1889. The Society has been solemnly consecrated to the Sacred Heart from 05 February 1872. That consecration is renewed annually in June.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Meeting Prayers

Opening Prayers

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

V. Come Holy Spirit, penetrate into our hearts and kindle within us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and new life will be created

R. and the whole face of the earth will be renewed. Our Father. Hail Mary.

Vincentian Family Prayer

Lord Jesus, you who willed to become poor, give us eyes and a heart directed towards the poor; help us to recognise you in them - in their hunger, their loneliness, and their misfortune. Enkindle within our Vincentian Family, unity, simplicity, humility and the fire of love that burned in St. Vincent de Paul.

Strengthen us, so that, faithful to the practice of these virtues, we may contemplate you and serve you in the person of the poor, and may one day be united with you and them in Your kingdom. Amen

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)

Lord Jesus, help us through meeting together to deepen our Vincentian friendship and answer the call every Christian receives; to seek and find those who are forgotten, to bring your love to the suffering or deprived. Help us to be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves, so that we may grow perfect in Your love and learn to share Your sacrifice for others in the Holy Eucharist.

V. St Joseph, Patron of Families

R. Pray for us

V. St Vincent de Paul

R. Pray for us

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Prayers

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer to see the Eucharist as the source of our Apostolate

Father, grant that communion with Christ, present in the Holy Eucharist, may impel us to love you by serving Him in our neighbour and help us to respond with open hearts to the sufferings of others, aware of the depths of our own needs.

Prayer that we may bear witness to Christ's love

Grant us also the grace to persevere when disappointed or distressed and never to claim that our work springs from ourselves alone, so that, united in prayer and action, we may be a visible sign of Christ and bear witness to His boundless love which reaches out to all and draws them to love one another in Him.

Prayer for Fruitful Visits

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

Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Frederic Ozanam

We thank You Lord, for all the blessings that You have given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and to its members. By Your Divine will, You have given our founder Frederic Ozanam that wondrous title of Blessed. May we be inspired by His example of love and service to follow you more closely. Lord, continue to bless the Society, its works and its members and grant that one day, Blessed Frederic Ozanam will be raised to the altars of Your saints.

V. Blessed Frederic Ozanam
R. Pray for us
V. Blessed Contardo Ferrini
R. Pray for us

For Vocations

Lord Jesus we are glad to be your Church. You call all the baptised to "put out into the deep" taking the path that leads to holiness. Fill us with hope and make us willing to serve You. Help us to encourage and support one another and grant that many will hear the call to serve You in the priesthood and religious life, witnesses in the world of today to the power of your love. We ask this in Your name. Amen

Hail Mary for the Sick

Hail Mary for Carers

Hail Mary for Twin Conferences

Veni Creator

Come Holy Ghost, Creator come from Thy bright heavenly throne:

Come take possession of our souls and make them all Thine own.

Thou who are called the Paraclete, best gift of God above;

the Living Spring, the Living Fire, sweet Unction and True Love.

Thou who are sevenfold in Thy Grace, finger of God's right hand,

His promise teaching little ones to speak and understand.

O guide our minds with Thy blest light, with love our hearts inflame and with Thy strength which ne'er decays, confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe, true peace unto us bring and through all perils lead us safe beneath Thy sacred wing.

Through Thee may we the Father know, through Thee, the eternal Son and Thee the Spirit of Them both, thrice Blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be, with His co-equal Son, the same to Thee Great Paraclete, while endless ages run. Amen

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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 visit, to all who help us in the work, to our overseas brothers and sisters, to any members of this Society and their families who may be troubled or in need.

R. *Lord graciously hear us.*

For the Society

We thank You Lord, because You inspired the foundation of our Society to help overcome suffering. Grant the Society and this Conference/Group/Council the grace of continual growth and renewal and we pray that many others will be drawn to seek membership of this Society and share in its work.

R. *Lord graciously hear us.*

For Unity

May we accept afresh our calling to make visible our unity in Christ with all other Christians by working together with them in the service of those in need.

R. *Lord graciously hear us.*

For Deceased members of Vincentian Family

Welcome into the light of Your presence those who have died and grant that one day, our friends and relatives, those we visit and our Vincentian brothers and sisters may all come together before you in the perfection of love.

R. *Lord graciously hear us.*

For Youth

We pray that young people will grow in faith and, like Frederic and his friends, become active members of the Church and the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

R. *Lord graciously hear us.*