

Youth SSVP



SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING PRAYERS

OPENING PRAYERS

(Guidance for those leading prayers are given in brackets throughout)

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

Leader : 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

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

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Vincentian Family Prayer

(Group should say these prayers together)

Lord Jesus, you who decided 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. Ignite within our SSVP Family unity, simplicity, humility and the fire of love that burned in St. Vincent de Paul. Strengthen us, so that we will remember you and serve you by serving the poor. May we one day be united with you 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.

Leader : St Joseph, Patron of Families **Group :** Pray for us

Leader: St Vincent de Paul **Group :** Pray for us

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

CLOSING PRAYERS

(You probably won't have time to say all of these prayers, so switch them in and out at each meeting)

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 keep going 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 success in our work

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.

Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Frederic Ozanam

(Frederic Ozanam was made Blessed in 1997 and canonisation would mean he would be made a Saint)

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.

Leader : Blessed Frederic Ozanam **Group :** Pray for us

Leader : Blessed Contardo Ferrini **Group :** Pray for us

(Group members should read one of these prayers each)

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.

Leader : Lord hear us. **Group:** 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.

Leader : Lord hear us. **Group:** 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.

Leader : Lord hear us. **Group:** 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 work with and our Vincentian brothers and sisters may all come together before you in the perfection of love.

Leader : Lord hear us. **Group:** 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.

Leader : Lord hear us. **Group:** Lord graciously hear 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

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