

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Opening Prayers

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen

L: Come Holy Spirit, live within our lives.
All: And strengthen us by your love.

L: Send forth your spirit and new life will be created.
All: And the whole face of the earth will be renewed.

L: Let us reflect on the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ, recalling his unity and presence among us: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Short silence)

All: Lord Jesus, deepen our Vincentian spirit of friendship during this meeting. Make us responsive to the Christian calling to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived, so that we may bring them your love. Help us to be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves, in this mission of charity. Perfect in us your love and teach us to share more fully in the Eucharistic sacrifice offered for all. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

L: Most sacred heart of Jesus.

All: Have mercy on us.

L: Immaculate heart of Mary.

All: Pray for us.

L: Saint Vincent de Paul.

All: Pray for us.

L: Saint Louise de Marillac.

All: Pray for us.

L: Blessed Frédéric Ozanam.

All: Pray for us.

L: Blessed Rosalie Rendu.

All: Pray for us.

**Jesus meek and humble of heart,
Make my heart like unto thine.**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Closing Prayers

L: St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

All: Pray for us.

L: St. Vincent de Paul,

All: Pray for us.

L: St Louise de Marillac,

All: Pray for us.

L: Blessed Frederic Ozanam,

All: Pray for us.

L: Blessed Rosalie Rendu,

All: Pray for us.

L: For all the benefactors of the poor, that God may reward them with eternal life,

All: Lord, hear us.

L: For our Society and all its members that God may renew their spirit of service and union,

All: Lord, hear us.

L: For all who are sick or suffering, that God may give them courage and consolation,

All: Lord, hear us.

L: For the deceased members, the deceased poor, and our deceased benefactors, that God may grant them eternal rest,

All: Lord, hear us.

L: That the unity for which Christ prayed – One in truth and charity – may be realized,

All: Lord, hear us.

L: For families and those who have no homes that they may quickly find a place in which they can live a decent and happy life,

All: Lord, hear us.

L: That if it be God's holy will, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, our founder, may be canonized by the church,

All: Lord, hear us.

L: That our Holy Father, the Pope, may be granted the protection, guidance, strength, and consolation that he needs to discharge his duties and Christ's vicar on earth.

All: Lord, hear us.

All: Hail Mary...