Prayers for St. Vincent De Paul Meetings

Opening Prayers

P: In the name of the Father…
All: Amen

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

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

P: Our Father who art in Heaven… etc
All: Give us this day our daily bread … etc

P: 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.

All: Hail Mary… etc.

P: St. Vincent de Paul
All: Pray for us
All: In the Name of the Father… etc.

Closing Prayers – Option C

Our Father … etc.

P: St. Joseph
All: Pray for us

P: St. Vincent de Paul
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P: For all the benefactors of the poor, that God may reward them with eternal life
All: Lord, hear us

P: For our Society and all its members that God may renew their spirit of service and brotherly union
All: Lord, hear us

P: For all who are sick or suffering, that God may give them courage and consolation
All: Lord, hear us

P: For the deceased members, the deceased poor and our deceased benefactors, that God may grant them eternal rest
All: Lord, hear us

P: That the unity for which Christ prayed --- all men one in truth and charity --- may be realized
All: Lord, hear us

P: 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

P: That if it be God’s holy will, Frederick Ozanam, our founder, may be canonized by the church
All: Lord, hear us

P: That our Holy Father, the Pope, may be granted the protection, guidance, strength and consolation that he needs to discharge his duties as Christ’s Vicar on earth
All: Lord, hear us

P: For the Dominican Sisters of Lufkin
All: Lord, hear us

P: In the name of the Father … etc
All: Amen
Closing Prayers – Option A

P: In the Name of the Father … etc.
All: Amen

Prayer to see the Eucharist as the Source of our Apostolate
All: Father, grant that we who are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist may realize the depth of our needs, respond more spontaneously to the suffering of others, and come to love you more deeply by service to our neighbor.

Prayer that we may bear witness to Christ's love
All: Grant us also the wisdom and strength to persevere when disappointed or distressed. May we never claim that the fruitfulness of our apostolate springs from ourselves alone. United in prayer and action, may we become a visible sign of Christ and may we give witness to His boundless love, which reaches out to all and draws them to love on another in Him.

Prayer for Fruitful Visits
All: We thank you, Lord, for the many blessings which we receive from those whom we visit. Help us to love and respect them, to understand their deeper needs, and to share their burdens and joys as true friends in Christ.

For the Canonization of Frederic Ozanam
P: That the Cause for the Canonization of Frederic Ozanam, who excelled in the virtue of Christian love, be advanced.
All: Lord, hear us

For the Deceased Members of the Vincentian Family
P: That our departed friends and relatives, our Vincentian Brothers and Sisters, and those whom we have served, be welcomed into your Kingdom and joined in love
All: Lord, hear us

P: In the name of the Father … etc.
All: Amen

Closing Prayers – Option B

Our Father … etc.

P: Let us pray for our particular intentions.

For those we visit
P: That those we visit find your gift of confidence, courage, and peace by our concern for their needs
All: Lord, hear us

For the Pope and all members of the Vincentian Family
P: That our Holy Father the Pope be enlightened and strengthened in his leadership; that all members of the Society, their families, any who may now be in need, and all those who help us in our work be attracted by your love and live fulfilling lives.
All: Lord, hear us

For the Society
P: That the Society and this conference be blessed with continual growth and renewal in its mission to help overcome suffering.
All: Lord, hear us

For Unity
P: That we accept with new enthusiasm our calling to make visible our unity in Christ by working together with all Christians in service to the needy.
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