



# St Vincent de Paul Society

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## Opening prayers

*In the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit*

*Amen.*

## Let us pause and open ourselves to the presence of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

O God, by the light of the Holy Spirit, teach the hearts of the faithful and grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolation.

*Through Christ Our Lord.*

## **Prayer for the Church and all Vincentians**

Compassionate God, we pray for our Church, especially our Pope, Bishops, Priests and Religious. May their leadership strengthen and nourish our Vincentian spirit. We pray for all members of the Vincentian family throughout the world, especially in those countries with which we are twinned. We pray that like Saint Vincent de Paul, we are open to the presence of Christ in the poor and are always willing to share our spirit and resources.

## **Prayer for the Society spirit**

Lord Jesus, we share in the faith and courage of our founders, especially Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, Blessed Rosalie Rendu, Fr Gerald Ward and Cptn Charles O'Neill. May their spirit be renewed in the Society of today. May we be open to the needs of those suffering poverty and injustice, remaining receptive to the grace of the Holy Spirit. We pray that we build a sense of community wherever our members are gathered.

## **Prayer for Reconciliation**

Holy Spirit, we pray that the St Vincent de Paul Society be a place in which the First Peoples of Australia are welcomed and deeply respected. May the Elders be blessed and honoured. May this sacred land of ours truly inspire us to come together as one. Renew our hearts as we heal one another and build a future based on mercy, justice, faith, hope and love. May we listen and learn from each other as we walk together in a profound spirit of reconciliation.

*Hail Mary...*



## Closing prayers

Jesus taught us to call God our Father and so we have the courage to say:

*Our Father...*

## Prayer of service

Lord Jesus, in service You washed the feet of Your disciples, offering us a model of humility, love, and respect. Open our hearts to Your presence in those we assist. That we may offer them the same spirit of dedicated service, compassion and love You showed. May we, through our actions of service and generosity, lighten their burdens by providing for their immediate necessities and offering them hope, peace and justice.

## Prayer for Christian Unity

Lord Jesus Christ, at Your last supper You prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send Your Holy Spirit upon all who bear Your name and seek to serve You. Strengthen our faith in You and make us love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism, all be united in one faith under one shepherd and continue to be inspired by the founders of the Society.

## Canonisation of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

Father, we pray that Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Through the intercession of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam we offer our prayers and intentions. If it is Your will, may the holiness of Your faithful servant Frédéric be recognised by the church through his canonisation.

## Pause to offer our personal prayers

*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Litany

Most sacred heart of Jesus *Have mercy on us*

Immaculate heart of Mary *Pray for us*

Saint Joseph *Pray for us*

Saint Vincent de Paul *Pray for us*

Saint Louise de Marillac *Pray for us*

Saint Mary MacKillop *Pray for us*

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam *Pray for us*

Blessed Rosalie Rendu *Pray for us*

May the souls of our departed members and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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*Amen.*



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*This logo represents the hand of Christ  
that blesses the cup, the hand of love  
that offers the cup, and the hand of  
suffering that receives the cup.*