

V CLOSING PRAYERS

PR: In the Name of the Father.....

PRAYER TO SEE THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE OF OUR APOSTOLATE

All: 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

All: 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 that reaches out to all men and draws them to love one another in Him.

PRAY FOR THE FRUITFUL VISITS

All: 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 to share their burdens and joys as true friends.

(Prayers composed by members could be added or substituted for these bidding prayers)

BIDDING PRAYERS

(Each member could say one or more around the table)

FOR THE POPE AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE VINCENPAUL FAMILY

Grant the courage, peace and confidence you alone can give to our Holy Father the Pope, our leaders, to those we visit, to all who help us in our work, to our overseas Brothers and Sisters and to any members of this Society and their families who may now be troubled or in need.....Lord hear us.

FOR THE SOCIETY

We thank you, Lord because you inspired the foundation of our Society to help overcome suffering. Grant the Society the grace of continual growth and renewal.....Lord 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.....Lord hear us.

FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED FREDERIC OZANAM

Lord, bless the cause of the canonization of Frederic Ozanam, who followed your example and showed such a wonderful warmth of loveLord hear us.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS

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 brothers, sisters, friends and benefactors may come together before You in the perfection of love.....Lord hear us.

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