



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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LITURGY IN HONOR OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Feast Day: September 27



Reading I: A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Is. 52:7-10):

How beautiful on the mountain,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation, and tells Zion,
“Your God is King !”

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see Yahweh face to face, as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for Yahweh is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.

Yahweh bares his holy arm,
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth
shall see the salvation of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 39 (40) 10-12, 17-18)

Response: I have spoken of your faithfulness and saving help

I have always proclaimed the righteousness of Yahweh
in the Great Assembly; nor do I mean to stop proclaiming,
as you know well.

Response: I have spoken of your faithfulness and saving help

I have never kept your righteousness to myself,
But have spoken of your faithfulness and saving help;
I have made no secret of your love and faithfulness
in the Great Assembly.

Response: I have spoken of your faithfulness and saving help

For your part, Yahweh, do not withhold
Your kindness from me!
May your love and faithfulness
constantly preserve me.

Response: I have spoken of your faithfulness and saving help

But joy and gladness for all who seek you!
To all who love your saving power
give constant cause to say, ‘God is great!’
To me, poor wretch,
come quickly, Lord!

Response: I have spoken of your faithfulness and saving help

Reading II: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians
(1Cor 1:26-31; 2:1-2):

**Take yourselves for instance, brothers and sisters,
at the time when you were called: how many were
influential people, or came from noble families?**

**No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is
foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is
strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning;
those whom the world thinks common and contemptible
are the ones that God has chosen—those who are nothing
at all to show up those who are everything.**

**The human race has nothing to boast about to God,
but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and
by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue,
and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says:
if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.**

**As for me, brothers and sisters, when I came to you,
it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy,
but simply to tell what God had guaranteed.
During my stay with you, the only knowledge I
claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him
as the crucified Christ.**

This is the word of the Lord.

Alleluia:

As you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Alleluia

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:1-12)

**When Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up on the mountainside.
After he had sat down his disciples gathered around him,
and he began to teach them:**

**“How blest are the poor in spirit;
the reign of God is theirs.**

**Blest too are the sorrowing;
they shall be consoled.**

**Blest are the lowly;
they shall inherit the land.**

**Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness;
they shall have their fill.**

**Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.**

**Blest are the single-hearted;
for they shall see God.**

**Bless too the peacemakers;
they shall be called children of God.**

**Blest are those persecuted for holiness sake;
the reign of God is theirs.**

**Blest are you when they insult you
and persecute you
and utter every kind of slander against you
because of me.**

**Be glad and rejoice,
for your reward in heaven is great.”**

This is the gospel of the Lord.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant:

Knowing God's love for us, let us present our needs and intentions.

Leader:

For all the servants of the poor, that the spirit of St. Vincent De Paul will live in their hearts,

We pray to the Lord...

Lord, hear our prayer

For wise people, old and young, who are poor in spirit, that they be filled with the wonder of God's love,

We pray to the Lord...

Lord, hear our prayer

For all those who are sorrowful, and those who hunger and thirst, that they come to know the healing and grace of God's mercy,

We pray to the Lord...

Lord, hear our prayer

For those who feel abandoned, alone or unloved, that they receive comfort and support from the loving service given by the members our Society,

We pray to the Lord...

Lord, hear our prayer

For the grace to serve the poor with gentleness and kindness in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, loving them tenderly and respecting them deeply.

We pray to the Lord...

Lord, hear our prayer

Celebrant:

God of mercy, in your unbounded love you gave us your Son. Set our hearts on fire with the love of Jesus, give us eyes that see the poor and hands to serve. Hear our prayers through that Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER SERVICE



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Feast Day-September 27

Leader: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

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

Leader: Send forth Your Spirit and new life will be created,
All: And the whole face of the earth will be renewed.

Leader: 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.”

All: Lord Jesus, deepen our Vincentian spirit of friendship during this meeting, make us responsive to the Christian calling to see 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. Amen

Reading: Let us listen to the words of St. Vincent de Paul:

**"Jesus, You have called me to evangelize persons
who are bruised and burdened,
and my purpose is to make you known.
When you lived on this earth,
your thoughts and actions were of mercy,
forgiveness and healing for all people,
because you knew it was your Father's Will that all be saved.**

**Teach me by your example,
and grant me all the virtues necessary to be a true evangelizer,
help me, through the fervor of my zeal, set the world on fire.
I want to give myself to You, body and soul,
mind and heart and spirit and always to do what pleases you.
In your mercy, grant me the grace
to have You continue in me and through me
Your Work, O Blessed Savior. Amen**

Leader: Let us pray: (Please alternate sides)

- **Loving Creator,**
we ask for the insight to understand
the needs of people today
that we might grasp the complexity
of the situations that face us,
and the absolute demands of human need.
- **The hungry have a right to food,
the homeless to shelter,
the oppressed to freedom
and the ill to health care.**
- **God, enable each of us to risk
being in solidarity with our brothers and sisters,
to be contagious in our love for all,
as we transmit our charism
of the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.**
- **Do not allow our fear, ignorance or pride
to limit the action of your Spirit,
nor allow our selfishness to prevent your
Divine creativity within us from bearing fruit.
We ask this in Jesus name. Amen**



Closing Song: (End with an appropriate Song)



THE FIRE OF VINCENTIAN CHARISM PRAYER SERVICE

Leader:

**O God, your love ignites our hearts, captures our imaginations,
shapes our dreams, and awakens possibilities.
Make us disciples on fire with your love so that we can become
true followers of St. Vincent de Paul.**

**Help us, O God, to enkindle in others a sense of hope that
transformation is possible...and give us the grace to
transmit to others the fire of the charism of St. Vincent.**

Leader: Let us pray (alternate sides)

- When the heart is on fire, light comes from within.
With the eyes of an enlightened heart we can see
the hope to which we are called.
By responding to the call to be a Vincentian,
we proclaim that the quest to be a servant of the poor
is the fire of our lives.

- The path to seeing with the eyes of the heart is discovered
in the journey of discipleship. It is not an easy journey.
It is an ongoing effort to live the gospel with integrity—always trying,
sometimes succeeding, often failing,
recognizing the need for patience, and then trying again.

- Discipleship is a way of being in the world
that affects every relationship.
Disciples shape one another according to the action
of the Spirit in their lives.
The energy of the disciples flows from faith
in what is unseen yet believed.
At its very core, discipleship is a call to a love so radical
that it never gives up on God, one's neighbor, or one's self.

- Disciples are called to love well, as Jesus did,
with hope, truth, fidelity and compassion.
This leads inevitably to taking a stand with
the Christ of the paschal mystery who willingly
laid down his life in love
so that all may have life in abundance.



Leader: We remember the times of our lives,
when we felt God's warmth within us
and we were on fire to do his will.

All: God of Fire, burst into flame in our lives.

Leader: We remember the people of Faith gone before us, ...
messengers of a gracious God.

All: God of Fire, fan our faith into flame.

Leader: We remember those in our lives today,
whose flaming hearts have encouraged
and touched us on our journey.

All: God of Fire, fuel us into thankfulness.

Leader: We remember our journey,
and how we need to trust in God's love
and to pray to live as illuminators
in our world.

All: God of Fire, empower us to trust.

Leader: God of fire, send your sparks to enlighten our lives
and fill us with your passionate life.
Transform us with your love and touch us
with your goodness.
May the truth we seek and accept,
fuel all we are and do.

All: May God the Father who made us, bless us.
May God the Son send his grace among us.
May the Holy Spirit move within us and give us
eyes that see, ears that hear, hearts that love,
and hands that do God's work.

May the God of peace watch over us
and lead us as we walk together,
as Vincentians, into the future.
Amen

Closing song: (Conclude with an appropriate song)



A VINCENTIAN HEART

PRAYER SERVICE



Leader: Lord, we ask for the grace to have a Vincentian heart.
We give you our gifts and talents, our dreams and visions
so that we may carry the mission of St. Vincent to the poor.

Lord, we ask for the grace to have hands that work for justice,
so that we may show your gospel to all those suffering from prejudice
and inequality.

Lord, we ask for the grace to have hearts of love and compassion,
so that we may bring your mercy to the broken hearts of the poor.

Amen

(Alternate sides)

- **Blessed are You, God of the Impossible,**
for You never get discouraged and never cease to hope, believe
and strive for a happier, fairer, and wiser world.

- **Blessed are You, God of the Covenant,**
for You make promises and never break them,
for You trust us to do good and love us when we fail,
and You daily renew our confidence and courage.

- **Blessed are You, God of Unconditional Love,
help us to believe in ourselves as You believe in us.
Help us to see our potential as You see it, as we work together as
members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**
- **Blessed are You, God of Providence,
for You challenge us to constantly move beyond
our pasts and call us into fresh possibilities for the future.**

Leader:

**O God, constantly provide us with the new opportunities,
which Your Covenant promises, and inspire us with the dreams
to follow new paths of potential growth and goodness for the Society of St.
Vincent de Paul. And give us all a Vincentian heart, as we pray:**

Together:

**Lord Jesus, you willed to become poor,
give us eyes and a heart directed toward the poor;
help us to recognize you in them—in their thirst,
their hunger, their loneliness, and their misfortune.**

**Enkindle within our Vincentian Family
unity, simplicity, humility,
and the fire of love
that burned in St. Vincent de Paul**

**Strengthen us, so that, faithful to the practice of these virtues,
we may contemplate you and serve you in the person of the
poor, and may one day be united with you and them in your
Kingdom.**

Amen

Closing song: (Conclude with an appropriate song)





VINCENTIAN WORDS TO LIVE BY...

St. Vincent de Paul Quotes

“After the love of God, your principal concern must be to serve the poor with great gentleness and cordiality, sympathizing with them in their ailments and listening to their little complaints...for they look on you as people sent by God to help them. You are therefore intended to represent the goodness of God in the eyes of the poor.”

St. Vincent de Paul, 1657

“This is my prayer to you, O Lord! Give to me your special favor. Pour out your truth and mercy on me in an abundance that will enable me to put your love into practice, filling me with true affection for you, for my neighbor, and also for myself.”

St. Vincent de Paul

“Lord Jesus, teach me by your example. Make me, through the vigor of my efforts, set the world on fire. I want to give myself to you, body and soul, heart and mind and spirit so that I may always do what gladdens you. In your mercy, grant me the grace to have you continue in me and through me your saving work.”

St. Vincent de Paul

“I should not judge the poor peasants, men or women, by their exterior nor by their apparent mental capacities. All the more is this so since very frequently they scarcely seem to have the appearance or intelligence of reasonable beings...But turn the medal, and you will see by the light of faith that the Son of God, whose will it was to be poor, is represented to us by these people.”

St. Vincent de Paul

“To make God known to the poor, to tell them that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand and that it is for the poor. O how great that is, so sublime is it to preach the gospel to the poor that is, above all, the office of the Son of God.” St. Vincent de Paul