



Opening Prayer (Option B)

(Sign of the cross)

Come, Holy Spirit, live within our lives.

And strengthen us by your love.

Send forth your spirit and new life will be created.

And the whole face of the earth will be renewed.

Lord Jesus, you said that where two or three are gathered in your name, there you are. Help us to grow in friendship during this meeting, seeking to serve others well and to love you more. May we be generous and kind, providing hope to those who need it. Grant us wisdom as we serve others in your name. Put our willing hands and hearts to good use.

Frederic Ozanam and friends, **pray for us.**

Sr. Rosalie Rendu, **pray for us.**

Closing Prayer

Lord, we thank you for this time together. May our plans and efforts lead to the alleviation of suffering and provide hope. Thank you for this group of friends and help us grow in kindness and compassion toward one another. Take care of us as we leave this place.

Hear our prayers for the sick, for those who don't have a home, for those who have died and for all those in need. Hear the prayers we especially lift to you today (members share individual prayer requests):

Bless the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with unity and a renewed spirit of service. Bless the leaders of the Church, that they have the strength they need and guide us well. May Frederic Ozanam and his friends continue to inspire us by their example, and if it is your will, may Frederic be canonized.

St. Vincent de Paul, **pray for us.**

St. Louise, **pray for us.**

(Sign of the cross)

****If desired, the Our Father can be inserted in the Opening Prayer after the main paragraph with the lead-in "Let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray:" (lead-in said by leader only)**

**** If desired, the Hail Mary can be inserted in the Closing Prayer after the individual prayer requests with the lead-in "Mary, please lift our prayers to your Son:" (lead-in said by leader only)**