



Opening Prayer (Option A)

L.: In the name of the Father... **All: Amen**

L: Come Holy Spirit, live in our hearts.

All: Help us to be strong in love.

L: Send forth Your Spirit and new life will be created.

All: And the whole face of the earth will be renewed.

L: Our Father...etc.

All: Give us this day our daily bread...

L: Let us quiet ourselves and remember that we are gathered together in the presence of our Friend and Savior, Jesus Christ: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

(Short silence.)

All: Lord Jesus, help strengthen our spirit of friendship during this meeting. Blessed Frederic Ozanam and his friends were young when they founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul that changed the lives of so many people. Although we are young, we are strong and courageous in You. May we be an example to others through our love and service just as Blessed Frederic, Blessed Rosalie, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Louise are for us. May we seek to, find and serve the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived so we may bring them Your love. Help us to be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves in this mission of charity. Fill us with Your love and grace as we continue to grow in our faith and live out our call to works of mercy.

L: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, **All: Have mercy on us**

L: Immaculate Heart of Mary, **All: Pray for us**

L: St. Vincent de Paul, **All: Pray for us**

L: St. Louise de Marillac, **All: Pray for us**

L: Blessed Frederic Ozanam, **All: Pray for us**

L: Blessed Rosalie Rendu, **All: Pray for us**

Closing Prayer

All: God, Our Father, strengthen us, your children, so we may recognize the needs and suffering of others, that we will be excited to serve our friends and neighbors in love.

Help us in the times of disappointment or sadness to persevere and remember that You always walk with us. May we remember that all of our work is done with You and for You. We are not alone.

Together through our prayers and actions, may we be a sign of Jesus and His boundless love for all of His children. May those we meet and serve meet Jesus and experience His love through our words and actions.

We thank You, Lord, for the many blessings we receive from following You. Help us to love and respect all of Your people, even when they are different from us. Give us the courage to help them with their burdens and joys as true friends in Christ.

L: That Frederic Ozanam's Canonization come. May he who was an example of Christ's love and virtue be an example and inspiration for us.

All: Lord, hear us.

L: That all departed Vincentians, and those we serve, be welcomed into Heaven and joined in love.

All: Lord hear us.

L: In the Name of the Father...