

The Agape Prayer

Lord, I come before you,
a humble creature of your making.
You alone know my heart,
You alone know my soul,
You alone know my whole story.

Lord Jesus, I long to see your face.
Grant that I may see it in the faces of Your poor.
May my faith and my actions be pleasing
to the Father,
Whose mercy is equal to His justice.

Grant that I may show mercy to Your poor.
Grant that I may feed the hungry,
Clothe the naked,
And shelter the homeless
With humility, cheerfulness, and gratitude,
Knowing that in serving the least of these,
I serve the Son of God.

Grant that those I serve may see Your face in me;
That they may pray for my salvation;
That we may join together with You in eternal life.

Leader:

St Vincent de Paul.
St Louise de Marillac.
Blessed Frederic Ozanam.
Blessed Rosalie Rendu.

All:

Pray for us.
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Amen.

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