

Prayer for the Region of Kenya

O Most Holy Spirit, receive the consecration that we make of our entire being and of the work that we do as Vincentian missionaries in the Region of Kenya.

We abandon ourselves without reserve to your divine action,

and desire to be ever docile to your inspirations.

May we respond to the needs of the poor to whom we are sent,

live in communion with one another, and be wise stewards

of the gifts that God has given to us all.

Let us pray:

Breathe into us, Holy Spirit, that our thoughts may all be holy.

Move in us, Holy Spirit, that our work, too, may be holy.

Attract our hearts, Holy Spirit, that we may love only what is holy.

Protect us, Holy Spirit, that we may always be holy.

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Pray for us.

St. Vincent de Paul.

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All the saints and blessed of the Vincentian Family.

Pray for us.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit (Cardinal Verdier)

O Holy Spirit,
love of the Father and the Son,
inspire in me always
what I should think,
what I should say,
how I should say it,
what I should keep silent,
what I should write,
how I should act,
what I should do,
in order to bring about your glory,
the good of souls
and my own sanctification.
O Jesus, all my trust is in you.
Amen.

For Good Administrative Officers in the Congregation of the Mission

O Savior of our souls,

From all eternity you have chosen the confreres
who are to function as your administrative officers;
grant us the grace to know who they are.

Eternally you have had them in mind
as brothers and leaders;
may it please you to remember
that they are the leaders of your choice
for the good of this little Company.

You have not just contented yourself
with forming this Company
so as to acquire missionaries for yourself;
You have also prompted the idea
of appointing leaders to work with us
so that, with the help of your grace,
we may be pleasing to you.

May you be forever blessed, Lord,
for making use of our leaders in this way!

Allow us, Lord, to address ourselves to you in the words
which St. Peter used when he wanted to choose someone to be an Apostle,
begging you to show us your will:
“O Lord, you read human hearts;
make known to us whom you choose for this ministry.”

Prayer for Unity Among Vincentians

O Divine Goodness,
unite the hearts of all the members
of the little Company of the Mission,
and make them support one another
in their preaching and daily teaching
of the principles of the Gospel.

After that, Lord,
demand of them whatever pleases you;
all difficulties will be sweet to them
and any form of work easy.

A strong member will come to the aid of a weak one,
and the weak member will love the strong one
and each will obtain an increase of strength
for the other from God.

In that way, dear Lord,
Your work will be done according to your pleasure
and as a source of edification for your Church.

The workers in the vineyard
will increase in numbers, too,
attracted by the fragrance of such charity.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Vincent de Paul

O Glorious Saint Vincent de Paul,
the mention of your name,
suggests a litany of your virtues:
humility, zeal, mercy, self-sacrifice.

It also recalls
your many foundations:
works of Mercy,
congregations, and
societies.

The Church gratefully remembers
your promotion of the priesthood.

Inspire all charitable workers,
especially those who minister
to both the spiritually
and the materially poor.

O Lord give us the grace,
that You bestowed upon,
your servant St. Vincent de Paul,
to relinquish the temptation
of material things,
in our holy effort
to minister to the poor.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Pope Francis