

## Prayer and Witness Challenge - Term 3, Week 6, 2021

Kia ora koutou.

We hope that you are coping with lockdown as we enter the second week.

The theme for this week's prayer and witness challenge is the St Vincent de Paul Society. On the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch's Facebook page the needs of the vulnerable in our community were highlighted, so learning a little about St Vincent de Paul and the work of the Society seems appropriate. Enjoy!



Day Primary school focus	Pray	Read	Listen/Watch	Create and Share
<b>Monday 30th August</b>  	<b>My morning offering</b>  For love of me you came to earth; you gave your life for me. So every day you give me now, I give back happily. Take all my laughter, all my tears, each thought, each word, each deed. And let them be my all-day prayer, to help all those in need.  Amen	<a href="#">Learn about St Vincent de Paul</a>  Read  <a href="#">5 interesting facts about St Vincent de Paul</a>	<a href="#">Watch this video about St Vincent de Paul</a>  <a href="#">This video also explains about the life of St Vincent de Paul.</a>	Use Google Maps to find St Vincent de Paul, Landes (formerly Pouy) in France. You might want to use this <a href="#">site</a> to find an image of the house St Vincent de Paul was born in. Copy the image and share it with your teacher telling him/her one interesting fact.  Write a prayer, asking God to help you be more like St Vincent de Paul, working to help those in need. <a href="#">This structure might help you write your prayer</a>  <b><i>This week's challenge - Each day ask if there is one item of non perishable food that you can place in a box, ready to donate to Vinnies at school after lockdown has finished.</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 31st August</b>	Awe Maria e ki ana koe, e te keretia, kia koe e te Ariki, kia whakapainga koe. I roto i nga wahine ae whakapainga hoki. A Hehu te hua o tou kopu.	Read about <a href="#">Blessed Frederic Ozanam here</a>	<a href="#">Who is Frederic Ozanam?</a> Watch this with your parents!	<a href="#">Draw or add suitable images to this page</a> , showing what the Christchurch Society of St Vincent de Paul do.  <b>Write a thankyou email</b>  "It is not sufficient for me to love God if I do not love my neighbor. I belong to God and to the poor." -St. Vincent de Paul  



Hata Maria te Matua wahine o te Atua  
inoi koe mo matou mo te hunga e hara ana aianei a te hoara o toku matenga rawa.

Amene.

*Hail Mary full of grace, the lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.*

*Holy Mary mother of God  
Pray for us sinners, now,  
And at the hour of death. Amene.*



Use this quote from St Vincent de Paul, write an email to SVDP Christchurch thanking them for the work they do. In your email tell them **one thing you will do to support their work.** It might be:

- *Saying a prayer*
- *Donating food and blankets*
- *Helping at the shop*

Here is the email address: [admin@svdpchch.co.nz](mailto:admin@svdpchch.co.nz)

Wednesday 1st  
September

**Prayer of service**



*Lord Jesus, in service You washed the feet of Your disciples, offering us a model of humility, love, and respect. Open our hearts to Your presence in those we assist. That we may offer them the same spirit of dedicated service, compassion and love You showed. May we, through our actions of service and generosity, lighten their burdens by providing for their immediate necessities and offering them hope, peace and justice. Amen*

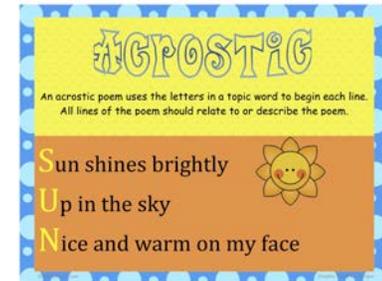
Read and reflect on this piece of Scripture

[Jesus washes the disciples' feet](#)

[Watch this video explaining what Vinnies Wellington does.](#)



Complete this [Core Values](#) table and share it with a classmate.



Write an acrostic poem using the letters of [St Vincent de Paul's name.](#)

<p><b>Thursday 2nd September</b></p>	<p><b>Prayer for Vinnies:</b></p> <p>We have full and busy lives, Lord, and may not know what it is like to sit alone, longing for a knock at the door and someone to talk to.</p> <p>We are young and fit, Lord, how can we understand what it is like to be old and helpless with eyes that are dim, ears that are deaf and limbs that are stiff and clumsy.</p> <p>We are fit and strong, Lord, and find it hard to imagine what it is like to be in bed day after day, suffering pain that no one wants to hear about.</p> <p>Lord, we will seek out the lonely, the sick, the old, and bring them into the warmth of our lives.</p> <p>Amen</p>	<p>Read and reflect on this piece of Scripture</p> <p><a href="#">Matthew 25:40-45</a></p>	<p><a href="#">SING</a></p>	<p>Find out where the nearest St Vincent de Paul shop is to you. What can you donate ?</p> <div data-bbox="1465 337 1927 636" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p><b>Friday 3rd September</b></p>	<p>Dear Lord, Open my eyes to see the needs of the people around me. Please continually encourage me to do my best to serve others as You did. Amen</p>	<p>Since the early 1900's, young people have been involved with the work of the Society in New Zealand.</p> <p>Young people are not just the future of the Society in New Zealand — they are the Society, as they always have been. The Society was founded by seven people, most of whom were teenagers.</p>	<p><a href="#">Check out the Christchurch Young Vinnies website</a></p> <p><a href="#">SING</a></p> <div data-bbox="1102 1166 1333 1367" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>We are also encouraged to realise that the reason Vincentians help people is not just because they feel good doing this work, but because of the Gospel message to love your neighbour as yourself.</p> <p>What could you do, as young people, to help those in need within your local community?.</p> <p>You may like to consider the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do some baking for elderly neighbours - to ensure the safety of you and your neighbours, wear a mask and place the baking at the front door</li> <li>• If you know the phone numbers of any neighbours who may be alone, give them a ring and share what you have been doing within your family during lockdown</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone or message a few of your classmates and encourage them to collect cans of food to be distributed to your local St Vincent de Paul Society once we are out of lockdown</li> </ul>
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Create and Share Activities can be done over the course of the week		<a href="#">Explore the Society of St Vincent De Paul Values, Mission and Vision.</a>  <a href="#">The Vinnies Wellington site may also be helpful.</a>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYGIQHFxNO">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYGIQHFxNO</a>	Make a 2 minute video explaining the Core Values of St Vincent De Paul in Aotearoa New Zealand. This could include music, slides, animations and any other visual language tools you think could help the viewer understand the core values.
	<p><i>Prayer for the poor and needy</i></p> <p>Lord God, You came to give honour to the least, those forgotten, overlooked and misjudged. You came to give first place to the last, those left behind, misunderstood and undervalued. You came to give a warm welcome to the lost, those who are orphaned, abandoned and destitute. Help us to be your ears to listen to their cries.</p>	<p>After doing some research, describe what Paris was like leading up to the time that Frederick Ozanam founded the SVDP.</p> <p>How had the French Revolution 1788 - 1799 affected: Society? Peoples' attitudes? Decline in religion? Religious orders? What was the impact of the cholera epidemic of 1832?</p>	<p>▶ What caused...</p>	<p>Compare the society of Paris in the 1830s with Christchurch. What percentage of people lived in poverty, were homeless, could not access education? What were the social conditions that Frederick Ozanan wanted to address? What are the social conditions that need to be addressed in Christchurch today? How does SVDP address these conditions? What resources do they have, and what more do they need? How can schools support the work of SVDP?</p> <p>▶ French Revolution - History Channel</p>

	<p>Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance.          Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need.          Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them.          You came for the least, the lost and last of this world.</p> <p>Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.</p>			
<p><b>Matthew 25</b></p>	<p><i>The Prayer of St Francis:</i>  <i>Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:</i>  <i>where there is hatred, let me sow love;</i>  <i>where there is injury, pardon;</i>  <i>where there is doubt, faith;</i>  <i>where there is despair, hope;</i>  <i>where there is darkness, light;</i>  <i>where there is sadness, joy.</i></p> <p><i>O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,</i></p>	<p><b>Read Mat 25:35-40</b></p> <p><b>35</b> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <b>36</b> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'</p> <p><b>37</b> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <b>38</b> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <b>39</b> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'</p>	<p> Corporal Wo...</p>	<p>Through this Gospel reading, Matthew is calling us to care for the poor and needy.</p> <p>Find out what your local St Vincent de Paul branch does, and comment on how this is an example of responding to Matthew's challenge.</p> <p>Watch the Youtube clip, "Corporal works of Mercy"</p> <p>Give examples of the work of St Vincent de Paul that show that they are responding to the Corporal Works of Mercy.</p> <p>Write a list of things that you can do to support your local St Vincent de Paul branch,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● As an individual</li> <li>● As a class</li> <li>● As a school</li> </ul>

	<i>and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.</i>	<b>40</b> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'		
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