

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God,

We come before you today to discuss important matters. We ask for wisdom and insights as we work to help our fellow Vincentians and their Conferences find the right path to come together in their new Parish Families.

Help us find effective ways to help them be transformed and revitalized in this work. Continue to set our hearts on fire as we support each other in the work asked of us as members of the PITG Committee.

Lord Jesus, we hear You calling us
Not to be served, but to serve,
Not to be large but to be small,
Not to receive but to give,
To walk just as you walked.
May Your example and sacrifice
Give us strength for the journey.

We trust that You will guide us on this path. May our words and actions be guided by Your love and grace.

In Your name, we pray,

Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER (from words and inspirations of Blessed Rosalie Rendu)

I come to You, O Lord, with the loving heart of a child. I beg of You, Father, to use my meager gifts to answer the prayers of the poor who cry out in their great need.

Give me the loving heart of a mother towards my neighbor, making good use of all that You provide to me for their comfort, not mine.

May my works of charity be always for Your sake and never for my own. Make me extraordinary, Lord, by making me ordinary.

Sister Rosalie devoted herself to reconciling the different classes of society and to working for the recognition of each person's dignity. She recognized only 2 categories of people: those who need to receive help and those who can, and above all, need to give it.

God, You redeemed us through the death and resurrection of Your Son, but somehow, we have messed it all up. We need to stop and take a long look at our current situation and proceed to make real change. Give us the courage to love the poor so that our hearts can be transformed into Vincentian Hearts.

Amen.