



Saint Vincent de Paul Society (Kenilworth)
Day of Unity and Contemplation

27th Sept. 2020

On the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, SVP (Kenilworth conference) members are uniting spiritually in prayer and contemplation: to remember each other and all those who have suffered as a result of the pandemic, to give thanks for our blessings, and to pray for the future. We offer the following readings, prayers and reflections, but hope you will feel free to add your own.

Life has changed for us all over the past months.

Isiah 41: vs 9-10

I have chosen you, I have not rejected you,
do not be afraid, for I am with you;
do not be alarmed, for I am your God.
I give you strength, truly I help you, truly
I hold you firm with my saving right hand.

Let us pray for:

*Fr. Kevin, Fr. David and parishioners;
SVP members, family and friends;
those who have been ill;
those who have died:
those we cannot visit in their homes;
those who have found isolation difficult;
those who are anxious;
all who have been made unemployed.*

Reflection: Let's remain aware of everyone who has been affected by the pandemic.

The Lord himself will lead you; He will be with you; He will not fail or
desert you. Have no fear, do not be alarmed. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

“Fear not, calm will follow the storm, and perhaps soon.” (St. Vincent de Paul)

Many people have worked for the good of others.

Luke 12: vs 17-1

As He was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, master, have pity on us!” When He saw them he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He then threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan.



Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then He said to him, “Rise, and go; your faith has made you well.”

Let us pray for:

All who have helped others – friends, neighbours and even strangers; doctors, nurses & all hospital staff; care workers; emergency service workers; key workers, who have kept essential supplies available.

Reflection: Let’s be thankful for the thoughtfulness and caring, that has been shown by many people, and for the increased awareness of the world in which we live.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father and God who gives every possible encouragement; He supports us in every hardship, so that we are able to come to the support of others. (Corinthians 1: vs 3-4)

Let us look forward to the future:

Letter to the Phillipians 4: vs 4-7

Always be joyful then, in the Lord; I repeat be joyful. Let your good sense be obvious to everybody. The Lord is near. Never worry about anything; but tell God all your desires of every kind in prayer and petition shot through with gratitude; and the peace of God, which is beyond our understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

Let us pray for:

The health and happiness of all our loved ones; the work of the SVP, locally and internationally; the successful development of a COVID19 vaccine; a safe return to a normal way of life; a continuing desire to care for others; an increasing sense of responsibility for the welfare of our world.

Reflection: Let’s move forward with confidence, trusting in God’s love, and continuing to help each other. May we increase in awareness of how our lives affect the whole world, its climate, resources, and the people who live in it.



The Lord will give strength to his people, the Lord blesses his people with peace. (Psalm29)

“If we are faithful to God, we will lack nothing.” (St. Vincent de Paul)

We give thanks for the blessings we have received, even in very difficult times, and we pray for God’s continued love and support in the days ahead.

You may wish to join us at one of the SVP Festival Masses, which will be streamed live from St. Chad’s Cathedral at 12.00noon & 2.00pm on Sat. 26th Sept. and at 10.00am & 12.00 noon on Sunday, 27th Sept, at which SVP members will hold their Rededication Ceremony.