

# RECOMMENDMENT PRAYER

VINCENTIAN MEMBERS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

ALL: Generous God, we strive to serve You and our brothers and sisters by being messengers of Your kindness, hope, love, joy and compassion. Help us to bring this expression of concern to all whom we come in contact with especially those who are in need.

May there be nothing in our attitude or behaviour to cause those who are to receive these gifts to be embarrassed or ashamed. May we wrap these gifts in humility, respect and kindness as we prayerfully serve You, our God, through them. Remove from us any attitude of superiority, since it is not the well-off helping those in need, but only Christ serving Christ. In the unity of His Body we are all one, let our attitude reflect our belief in this profound truth.

Open our heart to accept any expressions of gratitude – as well as any lack of gratitude which is so often but a defence to hide shame.

Help us, loving God, as we continue to shape a more just and compassionate society, in the spirit of Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac and the example of Frederick Ozanam, his companions and Rosalie Rendu we ask this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

AMEN

