**Prayer Before a Home Visit**

*Father*, we ask you to provide all that we need
as we do the work you have given us to do.
Fill our hearts with your love,
help us to listen with compassion
and to speak with kindness and confidence.
Clear the way before us,
so that those we visit will be able to receive not only the material goods, but also our love and blessing.

*Jesus*, we are going out in obedience
to your command to love.
We pray for the grace
to love with purity and strength,
not mindful of our own comfort or honor,
but seeking to comfort and honor those
who have called out to us.
We ask your peace on their household
and your help in being peacemakers.

*Holy Spirit*, inspire us with joy and patience.
Be at work in us to bring good news to the downcast,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to be witnesses of the love of Christ.
Stir in us the fire of your love,
and guide us with discernment,
and wisdom, generosity and kindness. Amen.

**Prayer at the End of the Home Visit (I)**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the opportunity
to assist *Name(s)* in this time of need.
Strengthen and guide us all each day.
Give us an awareness of your presence in our lives.

Help *Name(s)* to walk the path with you that will lead to the resolution of these present needs and concerns. Amen.

**Prayer at the End of the Home Visit (II)**

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for this visit,
Thank you for the opportunity to meet
with our new neighbors,
our brother and sister in Christ,

Lord, you know each of us;
you knew us from the day we were born,
you know our hearts, our needs, and
everything about us.

You told us that you will never leave us or forsake us.

You ask us to seek and we shall find,
knock and the door will be opened,
ask and it shall be given.

We are all asking today for each of our needs,
some spoken, some on our hearts.

Please Lord, show us the way,
and help us all to walk closer to you.

In your name and for your sake. Amen.

**Prayer Following a Home Visit**

Thank you, Lord, for all the blessings
you have given today.

We ask you to continue to bless the ones we have visited,
to inspire them to trust in you
and come to you for their needs.

We pray for *[Names of each person and specific needs]*.
We pray that our work may be continued by your Vincentian servants and completed by your Grace, in the spirit of St Vincent de Paul and Bl Frederic Ozanam.

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen