



Prayers Before a Home Visit

- Father, we ask you to provide all that we need as we do the work you have given us. 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.

Prayers at the End of a Home Visit

- Lord Jesus, we thank you for the opportunity to assist [Their 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 [Their Name(s)] to walk the path with you that will lead to the resolution of these present needs and concerns. Amen
- Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for this call, Thank your for the opportunity to meet with [Their Names], 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 ye 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, help us find our needs, Show us the way, and help us all walk closer to you. Thank you again for this call. In your name and for your sake. Amen

Prayers 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 other servants and completed by your Grace.

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen



Suggestions for Conducting a Home Visit

- Be prepared with information on the people you are visiting – take resource information to give.
- Always pray before going out.
- Visit in pairs – a man and woman preferred.
- Show respect for those we visit – we are guests in their homes.
- Wear a name badge – first name only.
- Keep an open mind.
- Don't pity. Be sympathetic, but don't encourage people to feel sorry for themselves.
- Put clients at ease – make light conversation.
- Give a brief description of the Society and how we are funded.
- Be cognizant of your surroundings regarding un-discussed needs.
- Insure that you have the information you need to make a proper determination.
- Give hope but make no promise.
- Let them know that we will pray for them and ask if they will pray for us.
- Don't discuss the case until you are away from the home.
- Discuss the home visit with your Conference members.
- The way we give is more important than what we give – material things last only a short time, where as how we give lasts forever... giving proper dignity and respect is foremost.

Quote from St. Vincent dePaul

"You will find that charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the bowl of soup and the full basket. But you will keep your gentleness and your smile. It is not enough to give bread or soup. This the rich can do. You are the servant of the poor ... They are your master, and the more difficult they will be, the more unjust and insulting, the more love you must give them. It is for your love alone that the poor will forgive the bread you give them."