

SVdP VISITATION SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER

Prayer before visit:

(A, B, or C, or your own; finish with Our Father)

A. 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 Your love and blessing.

B. 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.

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

Matthew 5:3-16 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

John 15:7 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become My disciples. As the Father loves Me, so I also love you. Remain in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is My commandment: love one another as I love you.

Luke 6:30-36 Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for He himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as also your Father is merciful.

Concluding Prayer: 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, specific needs)*. We pray that our work may be continued by Your other servants and completed by Your grace.

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