

CONCERT

Who is my neighbor?

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ALELUYA

*A crown of thorns placed on His head
He knew that He would soon be dead Hallelujah, Hallelujah
He said, "Did you forget me, Father did you?" Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*They nailed Him to a wooden cross Took from his head the thorny crown
Soon all the world would feel the loss And wrapped him in a linen gown
Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah Then laid him down to rest inside the tomb
The holes in his hands, his feet, and side
Hallelujah, Hallelujah Now in our hearts, we know he died
Hallelujah, Hallelujah To save us from ourselves, oh Hallelujah*

*He hung His head and prepared to die
Then lifted His face up to the sky Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Said, "I am coming home now Father, to you" Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*A reed which held His final sip
Was gently lifted to his lips
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory Three days went by, again they came
To move the stone, to bless the slain
With oil and spice anointing Hallelujah
But as they went to move the stone
Hallelujah, Hallelujah They saw that they were not alone
Hallelujah, Hallelujah For Jesus Christ has risen, Hallelujah*

*The soldier who had used his sword
To pierce the body of our Lord Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Said, "Truly, this was Jesus Christ our Savior" Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*He looked with fear upon his sword
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord
Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah*

INTRODUCTION

1. We welcome you to this prayer space, to all the branches of the Vincentian family around the world. With the happiness of the Resurrection and the impulse of Pentecost, we turn our look and our hearts to those who suffer, such as internally displaced persons, refugees and victims of human trafficking.

All humanity continues to experience suffering and violence, and at the same time we recognize that it is shot through with flashes of resurrection: men and women who rise up working for a more just world, examples of Vincentian commitment full of charity, affective and effective love, young people actively involved in the world being witnesses of Jesus, common actions of the FAMVI alliance

2. From a look of faith, we bring our prayer to the realities that we know to allow ourselves to be questioned by Jesus's gaze, which is in our hearts, with the certainty that His love exceeds for each one of us and that He never fails.

His penetrating look asks each one of us, who is your neighbor?

3. Gospel according to Saint Luke (Lk. 10, 25-29)

And a certain teacher of the law got up and put him to the test, saying, Master, what have I to do so that I may have eternal life?

And he said to him, What does the law say, in your reading of it?

And he, answering, said, Have love for the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and for your neighbour as for yourself. And he said, You have given the right answer: do this and you will have life.

But he, desiring to put himself in the right, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

Brief silence

1.- A new world calls us
Our borders open
And it spreads in us
the land of blessing
Gone are the fears
on parched earth
It is the Lord who urges us
The new mission starts now

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2.- The new has already begun
Faith guides us the way
Let's strengthen the steps let's open
our hearts
Let's spread our stores
We are the church going out
What risks for the brother
That does not doubt to give life.

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Pass by

5. *And Jesus, answering him, said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he got into the hands of thieves, who took his clothing and gave him cruel blows, and when they went away, he was half dead.*

And by chance a certain priest was going down that way: and when he saw him, he went by on the other side.

And in the same way, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, went by on the other side.

6. Jesus himself continually asks each one of us as we contemplate the world: Do we avoid the foreigner, the sick, the detained, the excluded, the lonely, the elderly, Those who lose their references?

In temptation

In temptation, be you my strength
My trust only in You
My firm rock and my consolation
In the dark night only you

André's testimony

My God, my God, give me serenity
To accept the things I can't change
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.

7. A lot of people have been displaced by social conflicts. New people displaced by sudden natural disasters appear. Socioeconomic conditions lead millions of people to leave their countries due to lack of food, medicine and essential services; Millions of people around the world are victims of human trafficking. We discover so many people who live on the street, in open spaces or in buildings not intended for human habitation; people living in temporary accommodation or homeless shelters, people living in severely inadequate accommodation without security of tenure and access to basic services.

Who is my neighbor?

When I am down and, oh, my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until you come and sit awhile with me

**You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be**

Live like this, live without your longing,
if the heart does not beat for you...
but you arrive and you fill me with amazement
and I see glimpses of eternity

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Embrace

8. *But a certain man of Samaria, journeying that way, came where he was, and when he saw him, he was moved with pity for him, and came to him and put clean linen round his wounds, with oil and wine; and he put him on his beast and took him to a house and took care of him.*

9. How much resistance there is in us to become "good samaritans" of our refugee brothers, immigrants, of those most in need of our love and attention! The parable of the Samaritan shows us a paradigmatic path towards brotherhood. And for this it is necessary to look at its background and at each of the characters.

BAJAR A TU ENCUENTRO

I would like to come down to meet you, Lord;
Look beyond reality itself
Looking for You, where everyone flees because
misery and pain can't be borne

Go down to You, look at You in that
That in his humiliation he has lost humanity
Being with you, lowering me to your life
And in love and gratuitousness
waste my life here

GO DOWN TOWARDS YOU, TO MEET YOU, MY GOD
WILL BE NEXT TO YOU, ATTENDING TO YOUR VOICES
GO DOWN TOWARDS YOU, TO MEET YOU MY GOD
LIVING FROM YOU, FROM YOUR WORDS OF POOR
GO DOWN TO MEET YOU, MY GOD.

I would like to come down to meet you, Lord,
Carry your cross, hold you in your pain
Always live in you, sharing our feelings
The joy and the pain
Our crosses and love

Testimony 2: someone from FHA?
Go down to meet the poor, a place of contemplation,
holy place of God

Sing

**Ubi Caritas
et amor
ubi caritas
Deus ibi est**

10^B *And the day after he took two pennies and gave them to the owner of the house and said, Take care of him; and if this money is not enough, when I come again I will give you whatever more is needed.*

Which of these three men, in your opinion, was neighbour to the man who came into the hands of thieves? And he said, The one who had mercy on him. And Jesus said, Go and do the same.

11. The parable of the Good Samaritan encourages us to fortify ourselves as a Vincentian Family because Jesus Christ came to evangelize the poor, and that is also our task and our occupation: care for our neighbor. Today we bring to our prayer the words that Saint Vincent says to the entire Vincentian family:

12. *“What happiness for you to be able to work on what Our Lord Himself did! He came to evangelize the poor, and that is also your task and occupation. If our perfection is found in charity, as is logical, there is no greater charity than that of giving oneself to save souls and for consuming the same as Jesus Christ for them. And that is what you have been called to (ES VII, 292-293 | SV VII, 342- 343).*

WITNESS OF HOPE

He has nothing but his voice
His step is soft when he walks
The poor know about him
Dream that the world is better
Your demeanor full of love
He lives in humility
Your house conveys
peace full of poor it is
Witness of hope
you are a missionary
You who give your life
And you give it to others.
Witness of hope
you are a missionary
solidarity of the world,
Saint Vincent, it's you
His life radiates light
His strength springs from faith
everyone trusts him
They know that a witness is
Seek no power
he just wants to help
The poor look for him
They know that a witness is.

Testimonio 3: Dar luz. Esperanza...

Enciende una luz

*Turn on the light
Let it bring shine
The Light of God
Shining from everywhere
You can't hide
You can't shut up
But a much necessity
Turn on the light
On the dark*

14. The parable of the Good Samaritan is for us an illuminating icon. It is able to reveal the underlying option that we need to take to rebuild this world that hurts us. In the face of so much pain, in the face of so much injury, the only way out is to be like the good Samaritan. Any other option ends up either on the side of the robbers or on the side of those who pass by, without pitying the pain of the wounded man on the road.

The parable encourages us to take new common initiatives in favor of the most vulnerable on the planet, to make ourselves neighbors and stand up and rehabilitate the fallen, so that the good may be common.

Love; because you see someone who suffers and not participating with him in his misery is to be a Christian in painting, not to have humanity, to be worse than the beasts (SV)

Accompany-Promote

15. *The question, who is my neighbor? Join us today in prayer. This question receives a transcendent dimension when we are invited to recognize Jesus himself in the wounded, abandoned and excluded person. (cf. Mt 25,40.45). (FT, 85).*

It challenges us to put aside all differences and, in the face of suffering, become close to anyone. So, I no longer have "neighbors" whom I must help, but I myself am a neighbor of others.

Who is my neighbor? It challenges us to return to our sources to concentrate on what is essential: the worship of God and love of neighbor. Only from there does everything make sense, because with Him everything is different.

With you, Christ, everything is different

With you, I will proclaim to the
thousand winds
that you are always with me
That your message is alive.
With you, the road becomes very
short
when I walk with you
When I take you with me

**With you are always new things
You fill my existence with**

meaning
**With you I take flight every day
With you, Christ, everything is
different**

With you everything makes sense
When I share hope
When I give my life
With you I feel that I am your witness
When I walk by your side
When I meet you

CLOSING PRAYER (all)

God Father, You who have placed in our lives the gift of your love, the gift of the Vincentian charism, help us to keep our lives attentive to people who suffer, to accompany them on their journey. Teach us to love, help us to remain open to the Spirit so that we can respond today according to your will.

Help us to enter into a sincere heart-to-heart dialogue, to discover you in our neighbor, to follow you and serve you as a Vincentian.

Let us be torches in the dark and lights that help others see your face, Lord

Torches of the world

We are light for this world
Our goal is to light
To everyone who is lost
in great darkness
And that opens the darkness
letting the sun rise
That illuminates, our shadows
Wearing the face of God

**We are torches of the world
that shine the darkness**

**that shine where it goes
Who dream of your dream (Bis)**

Our light is for the world
A guide to follow
Our light awakens dreams
It's way and it's true
Our torch shines today
maybe stronger than yesterday
illuminate more strongly
Wearing the face of God

“Let us give ourselves to God, brothers, so that he may grant us the grace to stand firm. Let us be firm, my brothers, let us be firm, for the love of God; he will be faithful to his promises and will never abandon us, as long as we are subject to him for the fulfillment of his designs. Let us stand firm in the circle of our vocation; let us strive to have an interior life, to conceive great and holy ideals for the service of God; let us do the good that comes to us in the way we have said. I'm not saying that you have to go to infinity and embrace everything indifferently, but everything that God makes us know that he asks of us. We are for him and not for us; if he increases our work, he will also increase our strength. (SV XI-3, 398).

