

Community Prayer Vigil Guide

"And the Lord who is the spirit makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." II Cor 3:18

Thank you for volunteering to be a part of this prayer vigil. Praying for an hour may seem like a monumental task, so we have compiled some suggestions on how you might make this time of prayer more meaningful for you and for those who are attending the weekend. Remember these are just suggestions. To make it easier to use this devotional, you may want to print the following pages.

Pick a place where you can be quiet. You may want to have the list of pilgrims, team members, your Bible, prayer book, a notebook or prayer journal, and a pen on hand.

PRAY: for the Lord's presence - His anointing upon you as you pray. Quiet your heart, mind, body and spirit. Pray that the Lord takes the worries and stress of the day from you.

READ & MEDITATE ON: Matthew 28:16 The eleven disciples went to the mountain in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they bowed down in worship, although some had doubts. When Jesus came near, he spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to do everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am with you always until the end of time."

<u>Ephesians 6:18</u> Pray in the Spirit in every situation. Use every kind of prayer and request there is. For the same reason be alert. Use every kind of effort and make requests for all of God's people.

PRAY: for this Via de Cristo weekend, for all those who have worked to make this weekend possible, the Secretariat, servant communities, sponsors, and all Cursillistas; for any other Via de Cristo, Kairos, Chrysalis, Crossroads, Cursillo, Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus, or other three-day type weekend occurring on these dates.

READ & MEDITATE ON: <u>I Timothy 2:1</u> First of all, I encourage you to make petitions, prayers, intercessions, and prayers of thanks for all people, for rulers, and for everyone who has authority over us. Pray for these people so that we can have a quiet and peaceful life always lived in a godly and reverent way. This is good and pleases God our Savior. He wants all people to be saved and to learn the truth. He wants men to offer prayers everywhere. They should raise their hands in prayer after putting aside their anger and any quarrels they have with anyone.

Romans 15:6-7 May God, who gives you this endurance and encouragement, allow you to live in harmony with each other by following the example of Christ Jesus. Then, having the same goal, you will praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pilgrims – People attending VDCWW Weekend 21:

PRAY: that the Lord would bless each pilgrim; that the Lord would speak to him / her in a special individual way; that the Lord would take from any cares or problems which would block him/her from hearing the messages; for physical strength and health needs during the weekend; that the pilgrims' families not be overwhelmed by their absence, and their needs would be covered.

READ & MEDITATE ON: James 2:14-16 My brothers and sisters, what good does it do if someone claims to have faith but doesn't do any good things? Can this kind of faith save him? Suppose a believer, whether a man or woman, needs clothes or food and one of you tells that person, "God be with you! Stay warm and be sure you eat enough." If you don't provide for that person's physical needs, what good does it do? In the same way, faith by itself is dead if it doesn't cause you to do any good things.

Matthew 10:42 I can guarantee this truth: "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly never lose his reward."

Head Kitchen Cha: Gerald Lui-Kwan and his team

PRAY: For the Kitchen Team, that each team member would have a servant's heart and spirit; for physical strength, sound sleep, and that they would wake refreshed each morning, and that the Lord's blessing be on him/her.

READ & MEDITATE ON: Corinthians 12:4 Now God gives us many kinds of abilities, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. There are many ways in which God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work in and through all of us who are His.

Head Palanca Cha: Lesley Hooker and her team

PRAY: for the Palanca Team that they may have physical strength, mental acuity, patience and tolerance; that these servants will find time for sound rest and serve as messengers of God's love; that his/her service would glorify God and be in His name.

READ & MEDITATE ON: Psalm 100:1-3 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord, He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

<u>Ephesians 5:18-21</u> ...be filled with the Spirit by reciting psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, for your own good. Sing and make music to the Lord with your hearts. Always thank God the Father in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Place yourselves under each other's authority out of respect for Christ.

<u>Isaiah 42:10</u> Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth.

Head Music Cha: Mary Olson and her team Visual Computer Cha: Teri Aprill-McGourty

PRAY: for each musician that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit, and that their talents would touch the pilgrim's hearts; that the music would be a blessing from God, and that each one would have physical strength to continue to make music in Jesus' name.

READ & MEDITATE ON: Philippians 1:3-7 I thank my God for all the memories I have of you. Every time I pray for all of you, I do it with joy. I can do this because of the partnership we've had with you in the Good News from the first day you believed until now. I'm convinced that God, who began this good work in you, will

carry it through to completion on the day of Christ Jesus. You have a special place in my heart. So it's right for me to think this way about all of you. All of you are my partners; together we share God's favor.

<u>Hebrews 10:24-25</u> We must also consider how to encourage each other to show love and to do good things. We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord's coming.

Head Prayer Cha: Marcia Newman and her team

PRAY: that an abundance of community members would volunteer to help; for the willing hands and loving hearts of the Love team; for every Cursillista who participates in Mananitas, Clausura, and the prayer and sacrifice that motivates the weekend; that all would travel in safety to and from the weekend.

READ & MEDITATE ON: Psalm 78:70-72 He chose his servant David. He took him from the sheep pens. He brought him from tending the ewes that had lambs, so that David could be the shepherd of the people of Jacob. With unselfish devotion, David became their shepherd. With skill he guided them.

<u>Hebrews 13:20-21</u> The God of Peace brought the great shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus, back to life through the blood of an eternal promise. May this God of Peace prepare you to do every great thing He wants. May He work in us through Jesus Christ to do what is pleasing to Him. Glory belongs to Jesus Christ, forever.

Head Spiritual Director: Pastor Sean Janssen and his team

PRAY: for each spiritual director that they leave the cares and concerns of his position or parish in the Lord's hands; for those who are standing in each of these pastors who take on extra duties during this weekend; for strength as all ministers to the team members and pilgrims; for anointing of the power of the Holy Spirit on him.

READ & MEDITATE ON: Peter 4:7-11 The end of everything is near. Therefore, practice self-control, and keep your minds clear so that you can pray. Above all, love each other warmly, because love conquers many sins. Welcome each other as guests without complaining. Each of you as a good manager must use the gift that God has given you to serve others. Whoever speaks must speak God's words. Whoever serves must serve with the strength God supplies so that in every way God receives glory through Jesus Christ. Glory and power belong to Jesus Christ forever and ever!

<u>Romans 14:1</u> Give a warm welcome to any brother who wants to join you, even though his faith is weak. Don't criticize him for having different ideas from yours about what is right and wrong.

<u>I Corinthians 4:1</u> People should think of us as servants of Christ and managers who are entrusted with God's mysteries. Managers are required to be trustworthy. Therefore, don't judge anything before the appointed time. Wait until the Lord comes. He will also bring to light what is hidden in the dark and reveal people's motives. Then each person will receive praise from God.

Rector: Walt Elliott

Assistant Rectora: Theresa Lui-Kwan Observing Rectora: Donna Chow Head Pilgrim Cha: Toni Taylor

Head Inside Cha: Don Fristoe and the Table Leaders

PRAY: that each team member serving in the Rollo room would attend to the pilgrim's needs; that all of the Rollo Room team would lead by example; that each would serve with God's love; and that the Lord would bless the pilgrims through the team members. Pray for the Rector(a) & Assistants, other leadership team and Table

Professors would be directed by God and be blessed by God in accordance with the extra responsibility that has been given; for physical strength & wisdom. May their hearts be sensitive to the needs of every person on the weekend and act accordingly.

READ & MEDITATE ON: John 2:27-28 The anointing you received from Christ lives in you. You don't need anyone to teach you something else. Instead, Christ's anointing teaches you about everything. His anointing is true and contains no lie. So live in Christ as He taught you to do. Now dear children, live in Christ. Then when He appears we will have confidence, and when He comes we won't turn from Him in shame. If you know that Christ has God's approval, you also know that everyone who does what God approves of has been born from God.

Acts 1:7-8 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<u>Ephesians 6:14-17</u> So then take your stand! Fasten truth around your waist like a belt. Put on God's approval as your breastplate. Put on your shoes so that you are ready to spread the Good News that gives peace. In addition to all these, take the Christian faith as your shield. With it, you can put out all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Also take salvation as your helmet and the word of God as the sword that the Spirit supplies.

PRAY: For each rollo presenter, that they will be anointed during the weekend; the Lord's peace and guidance be with them during his/her talk; that they would minister to each pilgrim when needed; that he/she would be open and obedient to the Lord's leading.

READ & MEDITATE ON: Acts 2:42-47 The disciples were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, to fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to prayer. A feeling of fear came over everyone as many amazing things and miraculous signs happened through the apostles. All the believers kept meeting together, and they shared everything with each other. From time to time, they sold their property and other possessions and distributed the money to anyone who needed it. The believers had a single purpose and went to the temple every day. They were joyful and humble as they ate at each other's homes and shared their food. At the same time, they praised God and had the good will of all the people. Every day the Lord saved people, and they were added to the group.

<u>Phillipians 1:9</u> I pray that your love will keep on growing because of your knowledge and insight. That way you will be able to determine what is best and be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. Jesus Christ will fill your lives with everything that God's approval produces. Your lives will then bring glory and praise to God.

PRAY: For each member of the Via de Cristo Community, they would take seriously the commitments of the 4th day and participate in permanent group reunions and monthly Ultreyas and encourage each new Cursillista to do the same.

Thank you for volunteering to pray for the weekend.

May God bless you and those you love.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, receive your power from the Lord and from His mighty strength.