

BEGGAR CHRIST WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth designed this card to help ourselves and others to bring people experiencing homelessness to our prayer. The front of the card shows the painting *Beggar Christ with St. Vincent de Paul* by Turkish iconographer Meltem Aktas. For more information on this powerful image

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Loving God, you fashioned a world of beauty and abundance as a home for all your creatures. We grieve that selfishness and injustice have robbed so many of your children of adequate housing. We lament that human greed has also deprived other creatures of habitats where they too can flourish. Move our hearts with charity to meet the urgent needs of those who are deprived of shelter, nourishment, health care, and the warmth of human community. Fire our voices to advocate for justice; for a change in structures that perpetuate homelessness and inequality. May all your beloved creation find the same welcome in this world that they find in your loving and bountiful heart.

Amen.

*For information on homelessness:
National Alliance to End Homelessness
<https://endhomelessness.org/>*

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