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- Listen to what persons in need have to say about their housing concerns;
- Connect persons in need with community housing services, and help them navigate those services effectively;
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- Create solutions to fill gaps in services, and;
- Become agents of positive change with regard to our own work, so that we are an effective part of the solution to our housing crisis.

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Gracious and loving God, we come to you out of care and concern especially for the persons in need and those struggling to find adequate shelter.

Though he was divine, Your Son Jesus did not cling to his divinity, but humbled himself to pitch his tent among us. He was loved and cared for by Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. He invited the first disciples to spend time with him in his home, yet often had no place to lay his head during his ministry.

He taught us to love you above all, then others, ourselves, and all of creation which he often used in his parables to convey his message of new life. Help us to love and serve him in the widow, the orphan, the stranger, and especially persons in need.

Grant us wisdom to make good decisions in our ministry to persons in need, strength to carry out those decisions, humility to accept the ideas of others, and joy in striving to alleviate poverty in our society and to provide adequate housing as a basic human right for all.

Inspire landlords to devote greater care and attention to the maintenance of their facilities, making life better for their renters. Fill the minds and hearts of the wealthy with an openness to be partners in finding and creating adequate housing for persons in need.

United with our Blessed Mother, and relying on the intercession of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam, we ask this of you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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