PRAYER IN HONOR OF ST. VINCENT FERRER

The heavenly Father, the Ruler of all nations, *
Sent, when the evening of the world came on, *
A new prophet, Vincent, the teacher of Christian people. *
He announces to men the approach of God's judgment,

Which all men shall see with their eyes. *
Fear God: * this is his favorite exclamation, *
The time is at hand for His judgment, *
Which all men shall see with their eyes.

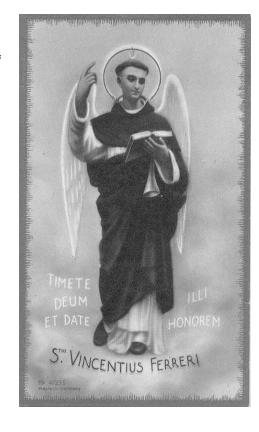
Treading in the arduous path of Christ, *
And shunning earthly pleasures, *
He convinced men of the truth, *
And put to fight the darkness of error.

He gave light to the countries of the West, *
And his name was proclaimed throughout the world. *
There passes not an hour of his day, *
Wherein he does not some good deed.

His doctrines were more welcome than sunlight, *
His word was more ardent than fire. *
He spent the night with the sacred Scriptures, *
Wakeful in contemplation and study:

In the morn: like to a fair star *
He shines with a wondrous ray of wisdom *
At evening, he has a saving remedy *
For every kind of disease.

He inflames the minds of his hearers *
By the words of eternal life: *
He inspires the hearts of men *
With a love of heavenly gifts.



Sublimely does he treat of virtues, *
Teaching men how to bridle every vice. *
Eager crowds follow him, *
When he preaches his divine doctrines.

St. Vincent Ferrer, blessed with light prophetic, *
Spoke admirably of the end of the world: *
Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell, *
Thus preached the Angel of Judgment.

St. Vincent Ferrer, glorious son of St. Dominic, *
He set as the sun, in the west, *
And surrounded by a troop of angels, *
He ascended to the bright mansions of heaven. *

Let us pray. O God, who didst vouchsafe to glorify Thy Church by the merits and preaching of blessed Vincent Ferrer, Thy Confessor: grant us Thy servants that we may be taught by his example, and delivered by his patronage from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.