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**In the Footsteps**

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In the footsteps  
of simplicity  
we follow  
Vincent  
on the path to God.  
Yet,  
God is the path –  
the way  
of the single-heart  
the way . . .  
to integrity of being.

In the footsteps  
of love,  
we follow  
Louise  
empowered by humility.  
Opening our gifts  
out of our need . . .  
for God  
and one another.

In the footsteps  
of faith,  
we follow  
Elizabeth  
through darkness  
into light –  
working  
at the edges  
of life . . .  
risking on hope.

In the footsteps  
of possibility,  
we follow  
Mother Xavier  
with the courage  
of freedom,  
the strength  
of commitment,  
the blessing  
of community  
and a heart . . .  
for God Alone.

**It is God's will that we should leave the discernment of truth  
and falsehood to him.**

*(Saint Vincent de Paul,  
conference to Daughters of Charity, 22 January 1648)*