

Over 6000 pilgrims since  
Feb 1958 have made the  
All-Night Vigil in Lourdes  
having begun for 3 years  
first at various shrines  
in England to pray all-  
night without any beds  
for end of Communism  
& Christian unity believing  
that prayer and penance  
is the greatest spiritual weapon  
which all Christians & can  
use to overcome this evil  
and bring peace & Christian  
unity ~~into~~ back to the world  
Pilgrims come in week by  
week this October in ~~from~~  
a fleet of six or seven planes  
from England & Ireland ~~in~~ <sup>over 1000</sup>  
numbers large enough to  
have their own procession.

and fill the top deck all night - They come for the whole night no beds are booked except for the one or two sick who come with each plane & who often refuse the bed provided for them - Seventy Americans were due to join this vigil for the first time willing to pay £100 to spend 36 hrs of prayer in hours - but their charter flight was refused permission to fly, praying all night did not qualify as a "closed group" they were not a football club

The first night of prayer  
was in an open field <sup>July 1954</sup>  
<sup>the Anger Spring of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>North</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>Norfolk.</sup> ~~Walsham~~ <sup>because</sup>  
the tiny chapel could not  
hold the 150 pilgrims  
who had come to spend  
the night in prayer and  
penance for Russia

Charter Acts never thought  
of Christians crossing  
the Atlantic to pray all night  
& return to the U.S.A. at once  
In Sept the group had  
pilgrims praying ~~all night~~  
on the same night in L<sup>o</sup> ~~o~~ ~~o~~  
and in Rome where the Holy  
Father blessed the pilgrims  
banner in St. Peter's ~~which~~  
reading the petition  
as he best it.