

### ***“Respond”***

Often in our life we feel a kind of call to serve and love others. And we need to trust and give ourselves totally to an as yet unknown project. Accepting this call with generosity we place ourselves at the service of Love to all people and thus we become a light for others.

So, the secret is to **respond** to this call.

Meditating on these situations, Chiara Lubich wrote: *"To fulfil the plans of Love all that is necessary are people who surrender with total humility and openness, leaving space for creative activity"*.

We can also discover the presence of Love in our lives and listen to that "inner voice" that invites us to make history, here and now, a fragment of his design. Our fragility and our insufficiency could block us. Let us make eternal wisdom our own: "There is nothing impossible for Love" and let us trust more in its power than in our strengths.

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It is an experience that frees us from our feelings of self-sufficiency and brings out our best efforts and resources, things that we did not believe we had and, finally, makes us capable of loving.

A couple told us their experience: *"Since we got married, we decided to open our house to the relatives of children who were in hospital in the city. A hundred families passed through our home. Many times we received economic help. Recently we received some money and we decided to keep for a needy family. Shortly after, another family arrived. It is like a game of love to which we should be open"*.

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Indeed, with our response, putting love into practice, moment by moment, we will see the world change around us, in the streets of our modern cities, in the office, at school, in different environments, in the midst of everybody.

In this period before Christmas, let's try to be more face to face with Love, let's try to recognize its voice in our conscience, being sensitive to the needs of our brothers and sisters to contribute to making humanity a family, sowing peace around us and making joy grow in the heart.