

“Attend to the needs of others”

Sometimes from an immediate need, when we are in a specific service, we can help men understand the meaning of true and eternal life, which is love, and which begins by **attending to the needs of others.**

True life means adhering to the examples of service and dedication to others. Do not live retracted on ourselves on our limited programmes or with our fears, but rather direct attention to the needs of the others. Help with needs such as poverty, illnesses, marginality but above all listen to all who come to you.

How many times during the day, we trust the people around us, the teacher who teaches our children, the taxi driver who must take us to our destination, the doctor who must attend to us. You can not live without trusting others. ... And trust is consolidated with knowledge, friendship and relationships that deepen with time.

How will we live the IDEA OF THIS MONTH?

Inviting each other to rekindle our choice by **attending to the needs of the others**. We know the way to get there and what we have to put into practice with commitment in each and every circumstance of life. For example, do we have a pain? Are we facing adverse situations? Then we will act accordingly by approaching the people we find without ignoring their requests for food, for water, what is more, to rekindle the idea **to attend to the needs of the others**. Moreover, sharing all needs and giving hope.

Chiara Lubich commenting on this aspect, said that by doing so *“it responds to the deepest aspiration man. Man was created for life, he seeks life with all his strength. But the big mistake is to look for life in humankind because they are limited and transient and they can not give a true answer to man’s aspiration”*.

It is not about living for yourself, it is about living by **attending to the needs of the others”**.

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