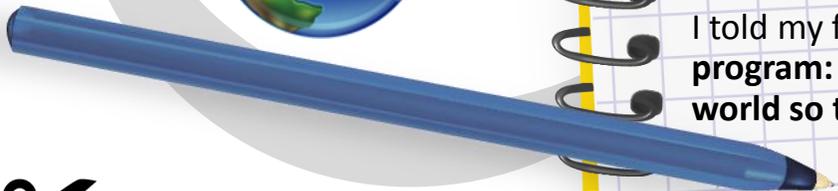


Let's live like this

The program: **Unity**



We were living in Trent, Italy, during World War II.

In the air raid shelters, with the light of a candle, we read the Gospels.

One day we found this sentence in the Gospel of John: "Father, that they may all be one."

I told my friends: "This is our program: we will live in the world so that all may be one."

We were born for that passage of the Gospel. We were born to bring unity into the whole world, unity with God and unity among all our brothers and sisters in the human family.

But how can we bring unity to everyone? We understood the answer: we had to love one another in such a way that Christ would always be in our midst.

And, because He was present among us, we felt a greater joy than we had ever known before, a new peace, a new ardor. His light guided us!

Since Jesus was among us, people around us found or re-found their faith, the same faith we had, and people of all ages, of every social category, of all vocations joined us.

In this way we began to fulfill the dream of Jesus, for which he begged his Father before he died: "Father, that they all may be one."

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BRING PEACE
WHEREVER
WE ARE

«That they may all be one» (Jn 17:21)

Jesus says a long prayer to God, his Father, shortly before his death.

What does it mean when he asks that **we all be one**?

God created humanity as his family. His dream was that we would all be united among us and with him. **This is why Jesus asked his Father for the gift of unity for us, just like the unity between him and his Father.**

But I see many wars, conflicts and disunity in so many places, all over the world...

That's true, and that's why we have to say this prayer of Jesus' **every day, confident that it will be answered.**

So how can we contribute to bringing about unity?

We can, for example, ask ourselves before anything we do or decide: **is this the best way to bring about unity?**

But there are so many places where people don't live in peace!

What is required of us is to bring our love, which means listening, sharing, giving attention, precisely in those places: at school, in the family, at sports events...

In my school...
I commit
to be a peacemaker!

I'll color one of these every time I tried to be a peacemaker

