"ACI Family going forth:

Serving the most disadvantaged."

Madrid, February 24th – March 2nd, 2019



February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### **MORNING PRAYER**

We are a Family of lay persons, a Family that has a universal character. We are groups and persons who share the charism of Saint Raphaela Mary, and want to deepen our knowledge of her life and her spirituality. We want to assume a distinctive way of living the Gospel and of participating in the mission of the Church, following the style of Saint Raphaela Mary.

We discover and experience the Love of God, in the relationship with Him, with others and with the world, and the desire to live Reparation as a response to that Love grows in us. In the Eucharist we recognize Jesus´ "Love to the end" and we also try to live it, adore it and celebrate it.

We try to be in solidarity with the situations of suffering that exist around us, and we want to commit ourselves to work with the most disadvantaged and to protect our Common Home.

We want to collaborate in building a more fraternal and fair world that reflects the Love of God.

#### Silence

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

(Acts 2:42-47)

#### Thank you Lord,

for the ACI Family to which we belong, for the life and Mission of Saint Raphaela Mary, and for the Institute of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## Thank you Lord,

for your Presence in our Groups and Communities, for the concrete help you give us on our way, for helping us to have hope and confidence, and for always challenging us to be more and to do MORE.

#### We ask for your LIGHT, Lord,

to know how to live as a response to your Love, as the Meaning of our life, to live grateful for all the good things that You give us, in order to not to settle into routines and jobs, and to never forget those who have less than us, live alone and suffering.

# We ask for your LIGHT, Lord,

to open our hearts to what You want for us, individually and as ACI Family, so that we can discern and understand your Projects, your Will, to have courage and faith in our gestures and decisions, to know how to decide in order to be more authentic Christians, more in consistency with the faith we profess.

### We ask You, Lord,

Teach us to look at life and the world with Your eyes and to make the right decisions that will help us to recognize You as the center of our lives!