## Share the situation and difficulties

Today the means of mass communication have made our planet smaller, rapidly narrowing the distance between different peoples and cultures.

This "togetherness" at times gives rise to misunderstandings and tensions, yet our ability to know almost instantly about the needs of others challenges us to share their situation and their difficulties. Despite the great advances made in science and technology, each day we see how much suffering there is in the world on account of different kinds of poverty, both material and spiritual.

Our times call for a new readiness to assist our neighbours in need.

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