**Anti-Human Trafficking International Meeting**

Prayer conducted by the Sisters from São Paulo and Sta. Catarina Provinces

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**Singing the Sign of the Cross:** Em nome do Pai do Filho também em nome do Espírito Santo. Amém.

**Listening to the Word of God and to what it says to us**

Reading from Isaiah 49, 1-6**–“I will make you a light to the nations”.**

We are called to be light, a LIGHT of Christ in all nations, widening our understanding and the spirit of universality. while the text is being read a sister will walk through the participants with a lit candle*)*

(Time for silence and internalization of the message)

**Reading of a Poem**: (Each participant will hold a thread attached to the banner which brings the picture of Jesus the Savior, Father Jordan and the Blessed Mary of the Apostles). In the Savior we'll remain in his love, as Father Jordan and the Blessed Mary of the Apostles were kept in his love.

**TIME TO WEAVE NETS**

It is time to weave nets

And to strengthen the links

The threads go together and then, apart

Building networks in solidarity

And desconstructing oppressive networks.
The threads go into challenging realities
They break and integrate...
Our network cries...
And cries for life!
Enough! Stop violence!
Stop exploitation!
Girls and boys, cry out.
Women and men, cry out ...
And they scream for life!
And in their crying we build nets

In their crying we claim for life

In the action-reflection we promote and defend Life
We break down the barriers and build bridges.
And so we go ahead
Intertwining links
And weaving networks ...
Weaving dreams
Making History
While listening to our sharing and searching ...
Let us, go ahead ...
We are the nets in our everyday mission
Let us go ahead! Flashing ahead towards a greater goal: the eradication of the
human trafficking in Solidarity for defense of Life.

(Fernanda P. da Silva (adapted).

**PRAYER:** God, Defender of the opressed, particularly of the women who are discriminated, marginalized and e criminalized in our society.

* We believe that is possible to erradicate the human trafficking, as we participate in networking in our strugling in solidarity for the same goal.
* We believe in the rescueing of life, the human dignity and the hope of our so many companions, who are enticed to prostitution.
* We believe in the concrete actions that we can assume as visible signs of the Resurrection of Jesus.
* We believe in the courage of the women, young women and men and children who are able to denounce to the competent authorities all types of violence within the family life, working places, schools, in the commuities and in any other spaces.
* Strengthen us in order to be faithful to our commitments in defense of life. In Jesus Christ, your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit Amen! (S. Eurides Alves de Oliveira).

Blessing of the Woman

May the Lord grant you Deborah's audacity and the courage of Esther and Judith.
That fills you with joy as Ana, loyalty and true love as Ruth.
May I sing and dance along the sea like Mary, the prophetess and like Mary of Nazareth, proclaims the greatness of the Lord, in the triumph of the hungry and humble.
Arrive in find yourself with Jesus the Lord, how they found Mary Magdalene and Martha, Salome and the Samaritan woman.
He gave them the dignity and freedom and gave them a new name.
And that, as one bent woman whom Jesus approached and stood, may you live high and help others and others.
Because she and you, we and all women and men are called to put us up, glorifying God.

 (Unknown Author)