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To cherish what remains of the Earth, and to foster its renewal, is our only legitimate hope. - Wendell Berry

*To heal the world, we must
heal ourselves. To heal
ourselves, we must heal
the world.*



Most beloved

*Know that my beloved is
hidden from everyone
Know that she is beyond
the belief of all beliefs
Know that in my heart she
is as clear as the moon
Know that she is the life in
my body and soul
-Rumi, translated by
Freydoun Kia from, The
Love Poems of Rumi,
edited by Deepak Chopra.*

Veritas et integritas: Fight

*Love is eternal.
Love is silence.
Always act from the heart.
Gentleness, Peace, Holiness and Light.
All creation is part of the tree of life.
Become dead to the world to be truly alive.
When free of all attachment, there will be compassion.
Knowledge and truth remain forever.
All is spirit. All is beautiful. Love all.*

A Prayer for Peace

May we awaken to the sea of love that immerses us- that engulfs us- removing fear from our lives and seeking peace- peace within ourselves, peace in our families, peace in our communities, peace within nations, peace in the world- in the universe. May we understand and experience our true selves and manifest in the world as beings of light and joy- learning how to end suffering, heal the wounds we inflict on ourselves and others and rediscovering our connection to all spirit and love.

Pray and work in solidarity for the people of [Oaxaca, Mexico](#) who are standing up to government oppression and seeking the ouster of Governor Ulises Ruiz. Work for the release of prisoners that are unjustly held. Pray for the work of organizations such as the Popular Assembly of the Peoples of Oaxaca (APPO), the Women's Commission (COMO) and CIPO (Council of Indigenous People of Oaxaca). Pray that they remain non-violent and that the cause of justice for the poor and indigenous people become a rallying cry through out Mexico and the world.

Pray and work to end the fear and exploitation of immigrants. Pray

for what you believe

There is nothing more important in the universe than unconditional love- remember this if nothing else.

The fear of being loved is a fear that we are unlovable- yet love reaches out to us from the very soul of the universe. Accept it- sacrifice for its sake- Let it become you.

Hate, withdrawal, anger is really a plea for love- in some ways it can be the soul's preparation for achieving the ability to receive love. There can be no fear where there is unconditional love. There can be no true love where there is fear. - Lowell

Greenberg

"The Great Work now, as

and work for immediate and unconditional amnesty for immigrants and open borders for people of all races and nations.

Pray and work for peace in Tibet and the end of Chinese oppression and corruption.

Pray and work for the end of genocide in Darfur where more than 400,000 people have died and 2.5 million made refugees.

Pray for peace, calm and wisdom in the Middle East- the averting war with Iran; the ending of civil war in Iraq; tranquility in Lebanon and peace between Palestinians and Israel.

Pray that U.S. leaders be brought to justice for crimes against humanity, the erosion of civil liberties and other illegal acts. Pray that the innocents unjustly imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay and elsewhere are freed.

Pray that all peoples wake up to the threat of global capitalism whose goal is to maximize the wealth and power of its elites and destroy man's connection with spirit and life. Pray that the environmental devastation and suffering they wreak will end.

Pray and work for a 70%-80% reduction in global warming gas emission to avert worldwide climate catastrophe. Pray that this generation and future generations are spared the pain and suffering. May they forgive us for what we have done..

Whether or not they know it, most of the world's religions and philosophies start from the same point. Like spokes emanating from a wheel's hub, they converge upon and diverge from a common center.

we move into a new millennium, is to carry out the transition from a period of human devastation of the Earth to a period when humans would be present to the planet in a mutually beneficial manner."

Thomas Berry, The Great Work, 2000

"They would teach the peoples how to pray to the Great Spirit with love that flows like the beautiful mountain stream, and flows along the path to the ocean of life."- Warriors of the Rainbow

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*O Great Spirit
grant me a vision.
Let it be good.
Let it bless all people.*

*We are given Visions,
Sometimes they are real.
It is up to you to accept them.*



(L) "Vision Seeker," (R) "Vision for a New Beginning," © Jerome Bushyhead

That center is God or *universal truth, compassion and wisdom.*

Learn from all religions, all philosophies and use only one test- is the belief sincere, does it bear good fruit and does it seem right, is it in accord with what is good and just.

A Personal Message

First Step

Musings

"i have had the gift of traveling death rows, prisons, and with gang kids...the "imperfect ones", as well as with celebrities, CEOs and the most revered, the "perfect ones"... on the outside. What *i* have learned is that we are all one." *Anonymous*

Tolerance

"We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow-men; along those fibers, as sympathetic threads, our actions run as causes, and they come back to us as effects."

Herman Melville

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I asked the Mountain who created you. I expected him to say- the Earth- I arose from volcanoes and

Community

"To be religious is to be sensitive to reality. Your total being-body, mind and heart, is sensitive to beauty and to ugliness, to the donkey tied to the post, to the poverty and filth in this town, to laughter and tears, to everything about you. From this sensitivity for the whole of existence springs goodness, love."

Krishnamurti

Life & the Universal

"Whoever touches the life of the child touches the most sensitive point of a whole which has roots in the most distant past and climbs toward the infinite future." *Maria Montessori*

The Butterfly & The Cat

Only when it is as painful to inflict emotional or physical pain on other living beings as it is on ourselves will we truly understand that all creation and humanity are *one* and that there are consequences for every action, a reaction for every action.

The Noir Side



"Endless Search,"

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*There is a promise land.
You must travel a long road.
It is an Endless Search.*

shifting tectonic plates. But he said- no, you created me. But I asked him- how is this so? He said- I am spirit - your spirit is part of the universal consciousness from which all creation arose. Later I realized how much the Earth loves us- even as we hurt her and take but do not give in return- we are still loved unconditionally.



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"I am gay, out & proud, so the issue of LGBT rights obviously has a special poignancy and significance in my life. While my homosexuality is only one aspect of my character, acceptance of it is fundamental to my happiness and well being. Society's lack of acceptance is therefore a tragic reminder of the importance of being who I am and the struggle that can entail.

Even though we seek to live our lives with joy- we cannot but be made to feel powerless- in part for who we are, for not accepting what society says we should be. Every time there is a denial of rights, a slight, an injustice it cannot but effect us and remind us of who we are and what that means in this world. It is this

Man's greatest fear is a kind of existential terror- the fear of not being- of being unable to control one's own life, one's thoughts, one's emotions, actions and future. The ability to extend beyond ones self and find meaning in giving, a firm belief in God, universal truths and/or the power of ones own humanity and the oneness of humanity- to overcome the condition of isolation- is critical if this terror is to be manageable and turned into a *constructive* life force.

The Blues

"A human being is part of a whole, called by us the "Universe," a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separated from the rest, a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty." -*Albert Einstein*

In myself I see a reflection of all humankind. I see the potentialities of all cultures and norms of behavior within me. To the extent I see, or I should say feel, the human capacity to be blind and indifferent, I feel the need to stay awake and alive The realization that we are all part of one whole enlarges my compassion and hopefully my ability to extend that compassion to my students.

Society & Culture

*experience that binds us as
a community and we all share it."*

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