

Love is Patient and kind Love is not jealous or conceited, or proud; love is not ill-mannered or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; Love is not happy with evil, but is happy with truth. Love never gives up; its faith, hope, and patience never fail. (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

May I remember, always,
to love because of who I am.
For I am Your precious gift of love made visible.
Oh, One Most High,
though I cannot see You or touch You,
You are as close to me as my thoughts.
Whenever I think of You, Your Love encircles me
as the eagle encircles the summit, and I find
closeness and comfort beneath Your wings.
Oh, Great Spirit, Most Benevolent, like showers
falling from the Father Sky gently upon the Mother
Earth, so Your love flows to me, to all things that
would receive, like a river of touch, an ocean of
compassion, a sea of sentiment, a fountain of
affection. Your love washes upon the shoreline of
my soul, bathing me in Your abundant amity.

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
 in all the ways you can
 in all the places you can
To all the people you can
 as long as ever you can. -John Wesley

Interaction motivated by self-contained desire
alone, promotes only engagement without
exchange and has no spiritual basis nor
component. Engagement desired, must be mutually
not forced, otherwise conflict and resistance.
Sharing exists when self motivations succumb to
engagement driven by concern compassionate and
consent to yield mutual outcome, to yield fulfillment
rather than selfish satisfaction
sharing demands exchange affirmed by love
extended, not love limited.

May we do what we can each day as impeccably
as possible & then be at peace, for the results are
out of our hands.

Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the
recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom.
-Theodore Isaac Rubin

Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know
which will grow- perhaps it all will. -Ecclesiastes

If you help others, you will be helped, perhaps
tomorrow, perhaps in one hundred years, but you
will be helped. Nature must pay off the debt.... it is
a mathematical law and all life is mathematics.
-Gurdjieff

Love is not an emotion, it is our very existence.

A person is of more value than a world.
I remind myself that my inner and outer life
depends on the labors of other men, living and
dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give
in the measure as I have received and am still
receiving." -Albert Einstein

Little kindnesses will broaden your heart and slowly
you will habituate yourself to helping your fellow
man in many ways. -Zadik

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total
harmony of the universe. -St. Theresa of Lisieux

"The only ones among you who will be really happy
are those who have sought and found how to
serve.... The purpose of human life is to serve and
to show compassion and the will to help others." -
Albert Schweitzer

Kindness makes the difference between passion
and caring. Kindness is tenderness, kindness is
love, kindness is goodwill, kindness says' " I want
you to be happy." Kindness comes very close to
the benevolence Of God. -Randolph Ray

"Man should not consider his material possessions
his own, but common to all, so as to share them
without hesitation when others are in need.
-St. Thomas Aquinas

He that is kind is free, though he is a slave; he that
is evil is a slave, though he be a king. -St.
Augustine

No amount of truth in the head makes up for a lack
of love in the heart.

Love Makes the world Go Round

IF YOU JUDGE PEOPLE, you have no time to love them. -Mother Teresa

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can.
-Sydney Smith

To love is a productive activity. It implies caring for, knowing, responding, affirming, enjoying; the person, the tree, the painting, the idea. It means bringing to life, increasing his/her/its aliveness. It is a process, self-renewing and self-increasing.
-Erich Fromm

Love is blind
you can't hurry love; you just have to wait

For want of a nail, the shoe was lost;
For want of a shoe, the horse was lost;
For want of a horse, the rider was lost;
For want of a rider, the battle was lost;
For want of a battle, the kingdom was lost!
In life, as well as in science, small changes can become enormously magnified. Some may ask, "How can our small witness to the resurrection faith make any real difference to our world today?" But consider the butterfly effect. How often has even one person -- a Lincoln, a Gandhi or a Martin Luther King, Jr. -- made an enormous impact on society! Then there is the greatest Life of all: Let us remove the religious accretions of two thousand years of Western Christianity that we might see the world as it was in Palestine. It was just like the Palestinian world of today. It was a world torn and bleeding because of religiously inspired and legitimized violence. Then the lone Life of Jesus entered these life-distractive currents. A light burned in the darkness. A new, life-giving, life-enhancing, life-sustaining, life-enriching Spirit was revealed. . . Faith sees that the oppressive, dehumanizing forces of religiously inspired violence were overthrown at the cross of Jesus and that the light of the resurrection exposed them as empty, powerless tyrants.

On April 3, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King arrived in Memphis, Tennessee. Speaking to the public that day, he said: "When we arrived in Memphis, some began to talk about the threats that were out, about

what would happen to me from some of our sick white brothers.: Well, I don't know what will happen to me, but it really doesn't matter to me now ... because I've been to the mountain top." It would be Martin Luther King's last speech.

Two months earlier, in Atlanta, he had told a crowd at the Ebenezer Baptist Church how he hoped they would react after his death. "Don't mention that I won a Nobel Peace Prize-, that's not important. Don't, mention my awards; they aren't important. Say that he tried to give his life to serve other people. Say that he tried to love. Say that he tried to do right. Say that he tried to feed the hungry. Say that he tried to clothe the naked. Say that he tried to visit those who were in prison. Say that he tried to love and serve humanity. If you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice a drum major for peace, that I was a drum major for righteousness- The shallow things don't matter. I have no money or riches to leave behind, I just want to leave a committed life behind. If I can help somebody along the way, if I can help spread the message of love, then my life Will not have been in vain.

When a man rises up in brotherhood, it is often himself he leaves behind

The man repeated the offer of a drink a third time the third time declined, the man said "I bet you think I am a rather evil man doing all this drinking, don't you?"
"I was thinking what a generous man you are to keep offering me a drink. "

"It is love, very ordinary, human love, and not fear, which is the good teacher and the wisest judge. -Jane Rule

Love is the most universal, the most tremendous and the most mysterious of the cosmic forces. - Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

What is it to love? To love a person is to hope for the best in him always. -Louis Evely

We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know.
-WH.Auden

Real unselfishness consists in sharing the interests of others. -George Santayana

I hate the giving of the hand unless the whole man accompanies it. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

The good should be grateful to the bad for providing the world with a basis for comparison. -Sven Halla

If a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it. -Edgar Watson Howe

To say that I am made in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence, for God is love. -Thomas Merton

Life is so generous a giver, but we, judging its gifts by their covering, cast them away as ugly or heavy or hard. Remove the covering & you will find beneath it a living splendor, woven of love, by wisdom, with power. -Fra Giovanni

What is meant by love? Love is active, complex, urgent- a reaching for, a responding to, a sacrifice of a smaller and less valuable part for a larger and more valuable one.

To be active means to give expression to ones faculties, talents, to the wealth of human gifts with which- though in varying degrees- every human being is endowed. It means to renew oneself, to grow out, to flow out, to love, to transcend the prison of ones isolated ego, to be interested, to give. - Erich Fromm

If you're naturally kind, you attract a lot of people you don't like. -William Feather

Between those who love one another with true charity He appears- He is as it were "Born" as a substantial bond of their love. -Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Kindness is a language that the mute can speak and the deaf can understand.

Shall we make a new rule of life from tonight: always to try to be a little kinder than is

necessary.

Miracles occur naturally as expressions of love. The real miracle is the love that inspires them. In this sense everything that comes from love is a miracle." -A Course in Miracles

People cannot remain good unless good is expected of them. -Bertolt Brecht

Give help rather than advice. -Luc de Vauvenargues

Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless." -Mother Teresa

Charity is the bone shared with the dog when you are just as hungry as the dog. -Jack London

Anything will give up its secrets if you love it enough. -George Washington Carver

After the verb "To Love" to Help is the most beautiful verb in the world.

Love grows by service

"Whoever loves becomes humble. He who loves has so to speak, pawned a part of his narcissism -Sigmund Freud

Generosity consists less in giving much than in giving at the right moment.

It was a thief said the last kind word to Christ. Christ took the kindness and forgave the theft. -Robert Browning

Love and pity and wish well to every soul in the world; dwell in love, and then you dwell in God; hate nothing but the evil that stirs in your own heart. -William Law

My feeling is that there is nothing in life but refraining from hurting others, and comforting those that are sad. -Olive Schreiner

A gift consists not in what is done or given, but in the intention of the giver or doer. -Seneca

It is in giving Oneself that one receives it; it is in forgetting oneself that one is found; it is in pardoning that one obtains pardon. -St. Francis of Assisi

To receive everything, one must open one's hands and give. -Taisen Desbimaru

If you bring forth what's inside of you, what you bring forth will save you. if you don't bring forth what is inside of you don't bring forth will destroy you. -Jesus

There is love like a stream which dries up when it doesn't rain. But there is a love that is like a mighty spring gushing up out of the earth; it keeps flowing forever, and is inexhaustible. -Isaac of Nineveh

My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness. -The Dalai Lama

That's all nonviolence is- organized love.-Joan Baez

It is the nature of men to be as much bound by the benefits that they confer as by those they receive. -Machiavelli

At the touch of love everyone becomes a Poet. -Plato

Compassion is an alternate perception. -M.C. Richards

The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident. -Charles Lamb

As Charles Lamb says, there is nothing so nice as doing good by stealth and being found out by accident, so I now say it is even nicer to make heroic decisions and to be prevented by 'circumstances beyond your control' from even trying to execute them. -Erich Fromm

Giving is the highest expression of potency. -William James

Wise men appreciate all men, for they see the good in each and know how hard it is to make anything good. -Baltasar Gracian

The only gift is a portion of thyself. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

it is one of the beautiful compensations of this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. -Charles Dudley Warner

No man deserves to be praised for his goodness unless he has the strength of character to be wicked. All other goodness is generally nothing but indolence or impotence of will. -La Rochefoucauld

Five things constitute perfect virtue: gravity, magnanimity, earnestness, sincerity and kindness. -Confucius

The person who doesn't fit in with our notions of who is worthy of our love is just the person who insists that we expand not only our views but also our capacity to love. -Daphne Rose Kingma

He alone is great Who turns the voice of the wind into a song made sweeter by his own loving. -Kahlil Gilbran

Whenever you shut down connectedness, you get depressed. it's fearful to know we're connected to everything in the universe because then we're responsible. Glenda Taylor

Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds. -George Eliot

It is easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbor. -Eric Hoffer

I think people love each other a little more than they hate each other. Love has a slim hold on the human corporation, like fifty one percent but it's enough. -Peter De Vries

Nature does not give to those who will not spend; her gifts are loaned to those who will use them. Empty your lungs and breathe. Run, climb, work, and laugh; the more you give out the more you shall receive. Participate. Men do not really live for honors or for pay; their happiness is not in the taking and holding, but in the doing, the striving, the building, the serving. -HARRY MARSH

If we take people as they are, we make them worse. If we treat them as if they were what they ought to be, we help them to become what they are capable of becoming.

-Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Never hesitate to hold out your hand, never hesitate to accept the outstretched hand of another.

-Pope John XXIII

It's never too late to open your heart.

Love is the only language that everyone understands.

God judges what we give by what we keep.

No man is an island. Yet too many of us still fear the loss Of self through serving Others. Actually, it's the only way to "find" yourself.

Compassion allows us to discover our connection with life and provides the motive for us to undertake

Our twin tasks of celebrating creation and justice-making.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of anyone else. -Charles Dickens

The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others. -St. John Chrysostom

What a big difference there is between giving advice and lending a hand. Less advice and more hands. -Waterloo

Spread love wherever you go.

First of all in your own house.

Give love to your children, your siblings, your wife, your husband, to the next door neighbor.

Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.

Be the living expression of God's kindness:

Kindness in your face,

Kindness in your eyes,

Kindness in your smile,

Kindness in your warm greeting.

It is not how much we do in our lives that is important; it is how much love we put into what we do! -Mother Teresa

There is no energy that will destroy itself, or discriminate in favor of this person or that one. Life is self-perpetuating. Love is the principle of Life, for it is the nature of everything to give. Only the one who loves so much that there is no longer any room for hate will ever arrive at the place where if there may be hate he will never know it.

Waiting

I have told you so much about me

You have seen me like no other person

And yet sometimes I still hold back

I know that you have noticed how I occasionally weigh and ponder whether I can say some things

and how sometimes I decide against speaking

and I can see how that hurts you

but there is no other way for me

I must wait for the right moment

to say what I held back before

waiting is often the greatest part Of love

-Urich Schaffer

A candle loses nothing of its light by lighting another candle.

No joy can equal the joy of serving others -Sai Baba

Your education is not complete until you learn to care.

There isn't any formula or method. You learn to love by loving. -Aldous Huxley

Love must be learned, and learned again and again; there is no end to it. Hate needs no instruction, but waits only to be provoked.

-Katherine Anne Porter

"Words have no meaning. Only People have meaning.

The love of our neighbor in all it's fullness simply means being able to say to him; "what are you going through?" -Simone Weil

It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through understanding. Kahlil Gibran

We should ever conduct ourselves towards our enemy as if he were one day to be our friend.

-Cardinal Newman

We wander through this life together in a semi-darkness in which none of us can distinguish exactly the features of his neighbor. Only from time to time, through some experience that we have of our companion, or through some remark that he passes, he stands for a moment close to us, as though illuminated by a flash of lightning. Then we see him as he really is. -Albert Schweitzer

A loving person lives in a loving world. A hostile person lives in a hostile world: everyone you meet is your mirror. -Ken Keyes, Jr.

I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again. -William Penn

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love. -Lao-tzu (604-531 B.C.)

Let us open up our natures, throw wide the doors of our hearts and let in the sunshine of good will and kindness. -O. S. Marden

Wise sayings, often fall on barren ground; but a kind word is never thrown away. -Sir Arthur Helps

How do I love thee?
Let me count the ways
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach,
When feeling out of sight for the ends of being and
ideal grace.

I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for right;
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
in my old grief, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose

With my lost saints, - I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life! - and, if God choose
I shall but love thee better after death.

-Elizabeth Barrett Browning

I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that's the essence of inhumanity. George Bernard Shaw

A sense of duty is useful in work, but offensive in personal relations. People wish to be liked, not be endured with patient resignation. -Bertrand Russell

In any relationship we feel an unconscious need to create, as it were, a new picture, a new edition of ourselves to present to the fresh person who claims our interest; for them, we in a strange sense wish to, and do, start life anew. -Ann N. Bridge

Only the person who has faith in himself is able to be faithful to others. -Erich Fromm

If someone below us does not treat us politely, we don't like anything he does. If, instead, we take a liking to someone, we forgive him anything he does. -St. Francis de Sales

What is important is that one is capable of love. It is perhaps the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity. - Helen Hayes

To receive a present in a right spirit, even when you have none to give in return, is to give one in return. -Leigh Hunt

True humanity consists not in a squeamish ear; it consists not in starting or shrinking at tales of misery, but in a disposition of heart to relieve it. -Charles Fox

If you live for love you spread kindness and compassion everywhere you go. When you stop

believing in your heart you are but a sterile vessel
wandering in the wilderness. -Francis Hegmeyer

It is love that asks, that seeks, that knocks, that
finds, and that is faithful to what it finds. -St.
Augustine

When you're lonely, I wish you LOVE.
When you're down, I wish you JOY.
When you're troubled, I wish you PEACE.
When things are complicated,
I wish you simple BEAUTY.
When things are chaotic,
I wish you inner SILENCE.
When things look empty, I wish you HOPE.

Human kindness has never weakened the stamina
or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does
not have to be cruel to be tough.
-Franklin D. Roosevelt

Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the
most terrible poverty." -Mother Teresa

When you cease to make a contribution you begin
to die. -Eleanor Roosevelt

Wherever you go, I will go, wherever you live, I will
live. Your people shall be my people, and your
God, my God. Wherever you die, I will die and
there I will be buried. -Ruth 1: 16-17

Better one good thing that is than two good things
that were." -Irish proverb

The only things that count in life are the imprints of
love which we leave behind us after we are
gone. -Albert Schweitzer

Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect and
touch and greet each other. -Rainer Maria
Rilke

No one has ever loved anyone the way everyone
wants to be loved. -Mignon McLaughlin

We always deceive ourselves twice about the
people we love- first to their advantage, then to
their disadvantage. -Albert Camus

Human love is often but the encounter of two
weaknesses. -Francois Mauriac

The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that
we are loved. -Victor Hugo

From success you get a lot of things, but not that
great inside thing that love brings you. -Sam
Goldwyn

Love, you know, seeks to make happy rather than
to be happy. -Ralph Connor

Love leaves its arithmetic at home, is always 'in the
red.' -Paul Scherer

The loving are the daring. -Bayard Taylor

The fate of love is always that it seems too little or
too much. -Amelia Barr

Kindness and generosity ... form the true morality
of human actions. -Germaine de Stael

"The Miracle is This... The More We Share, The
More We Have. - Leonard Nimoy

No love, no friendship can cross the path of our
destiny without leaving some mark on it forever.
-Francois Mauriac

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out
fear. (I John 4:18)

I no longer cared about survival - I merely loved.
-Loren Eiseley

True love makes the thought of death familiar,
pleasant and without any terrors, a simple object of
comparison, the price we would pay for many
things. -Stendhal

The heart that has truly loved never forgets but as
truly loves on to the close. -Thomas More

When the satisfaction or the security of another
person becomes as significant to one as one's own
satisfaction or security, then the state of love exists.
-Henry Stack Sullivan

At the end of what is called the 'sexual life' the only love which has lasted is the love which has everything, every disappointment, every failure and every betrayal, which has accepted even the sad fact that in the end there is no desire so deep as the simple desire for companionship.

-Graham Greene

When love and skill work together expect a masterpiece.

-John Ruskin

The greatest love is a mother's; then comes a dog's; then a sweetheart's.

-Polish proverb

A kind word warms for three winters.

-Chinese Proverb

LOVE IS THE SUBTLEST FORCE
IN THE WORLD.

-MAHATMA GANDHI

Respect is what we owe; love is what we give.

-Jeane Dixon

You have not done enough, you have never done enough, so long as it is still possible that you have something to contribute.

-Dag Hammarskjold

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.

-Charles Dickens

To hunger for use and to go unused is the worst hunger of all.

-Lyndon Baines Johnson

LOVE SOMETIMES EXPRESSES ITSELF IN
SACRIFICE.

The porcupine, whom one must handle gloved,
May be respected, but is never loved.

-Arthur Guiterman

Little privations are easily endured when the heart is better treated than the body.

-Jean-Jacques Rousseau

She'd teach her children these things are nothing, the clothes, toys, and furniture. These things fool people into thinking they must stay where the things are. Leave it all, she'd teach them, even all your dreams of safe, calm places. Go with what is most terrifying. Always choose love over safety, if you can tell the difference.

-Josephine Humphreys

Selfishness is one of the qualities apt to inspire love.

-Nathaniel Hawthorne

There can be no peace of mind in love, since the advantage one has secured is never anything but a fresh starting point for further desires.

-Marcel Proust

Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking together in the same direction.

-Antoine de Saint-Exupery

It has been wisely said that we cannot really love anybody at whom we never laugh.

-Agnes Repplier

The entire sum of existence is the magic of being needed by just one person.

-Vi Putnam

Happiness comes more from loving than being loved; and often when our affection seems wounded it is only our vanity bleeding. To love, and to be hurt often, and to love again - this is the brave and happy life.

-J. E. Buckrose

A little kinder

Let me be a little kinder
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more.
Let me be when I am weary
Just a little bit more cheery,
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.
When a little braver
Let me temptation bids me waver
To be all that I should be.
Let me be a little meeker
with the brother that is weaker,
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me.
Let me be a little sweeter,
Make my life a bit completer;
Keep me faithful to my duty
Every minute of the day.
Let me toil without complaining.
Not a humble task disdaining:

Let me face the summons calmly
When death beckons me away.

No one can do me any good by loving me; I have
more love than I need, or could do any good with;
but people do me good by making me love
them; which isn't easy. -John Ruskin

A man is only as good as what he loves.
-Saul Bellow

If you want to be loved, be lovable. -Ovid

The one thing we can never get enough of is love.
And the one thing we never give enough of is love.
-Henry Miller

In how many lives does Love really play a
dominant part? The average taxpayer is no more
capable of a 'grand passion' than of a grand opera.
-Israel Zangwill

Love makes one little room an everywhere.
-John Donne

if we are to judge of love by its consequences, it
more nearly resembles hatred than friendship.
-La Rochefoucauld

Love cannot accept what it is. Everywhere on earth
it cries out against kindness, compassion,
intelligence, everything that leads to compromise,
Love demands the impossible, the absolute, the
sky on fire, inexhaustible springtime, life after
death, and death itself transfigured into eternal life.
-Albert Camus

EVERYTHING IS NOT MANY THINGS; IT IS ONE.
EVERYTHING IS LOVE. LOVE AS YOU
HAVE NEVER KNOWN IT OR IMAGINED IT TO
BE. THE ONLY TRUE FORCE IN ALL CREATION,
THE LIGHT OUT OF WHICH ALL THINGS WERE
MADE, THE COHESIVE POWER WHICH HOLDS
ALL THINGS TOGETHER. LOVE THE MOST
INDESCRIBABLE, ALL- INCLUSIVE VIBRATION
IN EXISTENCE.

Love that is not expressed in loving action does not
really exist, just as talent that does not express
itself in creative works does not exist; neither of

these is a state of mind or a feeling, but an activity -
not a myth.

I did a favor yesterday, a kindly little deed and then
I called to all the world to stop and look and heed.
They stopped and looked and flattered me in words
I could not trust, and when the world had gone
away, My good deed turned to dust.

We can not love God unless we love each other,
and to love we must know each other. We know
Him in the breaking of bread, and we know each
other in the breaking of bread, and we are not
alone anymore. Heaven is a banquet and life is a
banquet., too., even with a crust, where there is
companionship. We have learned that love comes
with community. -Dorothy Day

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE- THE GREATEST OF
THESE IS LOVE I COR13:13

Love never fails" (I Corinthians 13:4-8).

"You are called to be free. But do not use your
freedom to indulge your sinful nature; rather, serve
one another in love. The entire law is summed up
in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as
yourself' " (Galatians 5:13).

"Keep the royal law found in Scripture: 'Love your
neighbor as yourself' " (James 2:8).

"We ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.
Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue
but with actions and in truth" (I John 3:16,18).

There is a Law that man should love his neighbor
as himself. In a few hundred years it should be as
natural to mankind as breathing or the upright gait;
but if he does not learn it he must perish.
-Alfred Adler

Love is the ingredient that makes every relationship
in life, whatever it is, a little better. Love has a
capacity to mend the broken, heal the hurting and
inspire the despairing. Love that reaches beyond
the misunderstandings and the failures is a love
that unites and encourages. Such a love is one of
our world's greatest needs. -C. Neil Strait

Do everything with a mind that lets go. Do not expect praise or reward. -Achaan Chah

God's care for this world is infinite. Let us cast aside all that stands in the way of saying and showing that we care. Let us acknowledge that caring is more than sentiment, more than ethic, more than duty.

Caring shall be for us a way of being. We will cease acting out of motives of mastery; we will begin to act out of motives of service.

We shall be neighbors to a species that has fallen among thieves. We shall be the community of faith which cares for the world's welfare. for the world's justice, for the world's peace, for the world's survival. for God's care for this world is infinite.

We are meant to love people and use things, not love things and use people.

Love comes from God ... because God is love," (I John 4:7,8) agape is a word that expresses unconditional, self-giving love. God "wills to extend himself" toward us for no reason other than that God loves-all the creation, especially those of us who are made in "the image of God" and can respond and become agents of love in the world.

"For God so loved the world.(John 3:16).

"A new commandment I give you," Jesus said, "that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34,35).

"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:12,13).

"Love must be sincere.... Be devoted to one another. . . . Honor one another above yourselves.... Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. . . . Live in harmony with one another. Overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:9-2 1). "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered; it

keeps no record of wrong doings. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

When you experience the joy or sorrow of another, you become the spirit of compassion. Compassion is two hearts meeting together as one in the flame of unconditional love. This meeting occurs when you least expect it, because in compassion you

joyously share the burden of someone else without the least thought of return. Compassion is the total surrender of self, and the complete acceptance of all that exists as self. Let yourself feel compassion each day; you can direct it.

The poor of the world are the hope of salvation of mankind. We will be judged by what we have done to help them. -Mother Teresa

It's not what you'd do with a million,
If a million were Your lot;
It;s what you're doing at the present
With the dollar and a quarter you've got.

PRAYER FOR COMPASSION

Oh Lord give me a heart that is never vain
and soft enough to feel another's Pain.

When men and women are in love, they share the mistaken belief that they live in the same world. When they "love" one another they acknowledge that they live in different worlds, but are prepared once in a while to cross the chasm between them.

-THOMAS SZASZ

It is our responsibility to love and not ourselves that we should take seriously.

For giving is living the messenger said
Go feed the hungry love 's sweet bread
Must I keep on giving again and again ?
My selfish and quarrelsome answer ran.
"Oh no" said the angel, piercing me through &
through
Just give until the Master stops giving to you!

CARRY THE BURDENS OF OTHERS ACCEPT
THE PETTY INJURIES OF EACH DAY, SO AS TO
SHARE CONCRETELY IN THE SUFFERINGS OF
CHRIST: THIS IS OUR FIRST DISCIPLINE.

To fear love is to fear life and those who fear life
are already three parts dead. -Bertrand Russell

Giving is the highest expression of potency-
-Erich Fromm

GOD'S VERY OWN LIFE AND LOVE AS ONE
ENERGY FORCE WITHIN US, EMPOWERING US

WITH A TRANSFORMING LOVE TO RELEASE THAT SAME UNCREATED ENERGY OF LOVE POTENTIALLY STORED UP IN THE HEART OF EACH PERSON WE MEET. GOD'S LOVE IS UNCREATED, ALWAYS PRESENT, ALWAYS LOVING. YET THESE GREAT ENERGIES OF GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS CHILDREN CANNOT BE DISCOVERED AND RELEASED EXCEPT THROUGH HIS LOVING CHILDREN. GOD, SO POWERFUL, SO INDEPENDENT AND TRANSCENDENT OVER ALL OF HIS CREATURES, HAS HUMBLY TIED HIMSELF AND MANIFESTATION OF HIS LOVE TO US HUMAN BEINGS. GOD BECOMES ENERGIZED, PERSONALIZED, LOVE FOR HIS WORLD AS WE BECOME SIGNS OF NEW CREATION BY THOSE VERY ENERGIES OF LOVE EXPERIENCED WITHIN OUR LIVES. AS WE ALLOW THOSE ENERGIES TO SHINE FORTH FROM OUR LIVES INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS THROUGH THE LOVE WE HAVE TOWARDS OTHERS, GOD BECOMES LOVE MANIFESTED IN HIS WORLD.

At the end of life our questions are very simple:
Did I live fully?, did I love well?

Through our willingness to help others we can learn to be happy rather than depressed.-Gerald Jampolsky

And now I will show you the best way of all. I may speak in tongues of men or angels but if I am without love I am a sounding gong or clanging cymbal. I may have the gift of prophecy, and know every hidden truth; I may have faith strong enough to move mountains; but if I have no love, I am nothing. I may dole out all I possess, or even give my body to be burnt, but if I have no love, I am none the better. (1 Cor 12)

We are thieves in a way. If I take anything that I do not need for my own immediate use, and keep it, I steal it from somebody else.

-MAHATMA GANDHI

- Our love in friendship is the greatest gift of life to have and to give, but it calls for flexibility. There is no fear in love, and not much criticism. It is kind and tolerant and sees beyond the littleness to something bigger. It is easy to be critical and to find fault and to condemn. Life is meant to be

spontaneous and happy, but we limit it. Everything of necessity will respond to love. Flowers will, plants will, animals will, children will, and adults will. The greatest people have given a lot of music and love and joy and sweetness to the world. If they only knew what people respond to they would sing sweet, simple songs in which the heart speaks to the heart, songs that make an audience feel someone is putting an arm around them, someone who reveals that which is beyond ordinary things. Because deep, deep in the heart and mind of every person is a little child, still more or less frightened with life. Back of all the bragging and loud-mouthed aggressiveness is a torrent of tears, a sense of not belonging to the Universe.

How we are applying our ideals is shown by the way we extend love to our fellows and how much better we make the little piece of the world in which we find ourselves; by how we live and act to the best of our talents, We turn our problems into opportunities by the way we apply our ideals, in our daily association with others. Knowing and saying is not doing. How we are applying our ideals is reflected by the kind of feedback we receive from what we say and do. People's spoken and unspoken responses indicate whether we are encouraging them to respond lovingly or with hostility.

I'd rather light a candle than curse the darkness.
-James Kelley

What we have got to do is to keep up our spirits and be neighborly- Charles Dickens

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. Serving Christ under law is a duty; under love it is a delight.

Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but others need your heart to love them. So spread your love everywhere you go. -Mother Teresa

Love keeps on loving when others don't love back. Love doesn't get jealous when the next door neighbor can afford a BMW. Love isn't rude to the persistent salesperson.

Love is gracious when the line you have been
standing in for an hour closes just
as you reach the counter.

Love is not happy when your lazy partner at work
finally gets laid off.

Love keeps on loving, even when embarrassed
by your family members physical
appearance, interests or

friends.

Love isn't thwarted by ten hours of screaming kids,
soiled diapers, dirty dishes, and a
perpetual mess in the living room.

Faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is
genuine love that keeps on loving ...
because God did!

In our life there is a single color, as on an artist's
palette, which provides the meaning of life and art.
It is the color of love. -Marc Chagall

WHAT IS LOVE?

It is silence when your words would hurt
It is patience when you neighbor's curt
It is deafness when a scandal flows
It is thoughtfulness for others woes
It is promptness when difficulty duty calls
It is courage when misfortune calls

LOVE'S ABC'S

LOVE

Accepts, Behaves, Cheers, Defends,
Enriches, Forgives, Grows and Helps

LOVE

Includes, Joins, Kneels, Listens, Motivates
Notices, Overlooks and Provides.

LOVE

Quiets, Respects, Surprises, Tries,
Understands, Volunteers, Warms,
eXpects and Yields.

LOVE in action breaks the code
that adds passion to your life.

All love is always dynamic, restless, eager to give
of itself. All true love spills over, is self- diffusive,
wanting to share that which it possesses, and so
this God, who is love, diffuses His life, His joy, and
His love, by creating us to share by forming a
human community of sharers. -John Powell

Through the heart, we can transmit our growing
awareness and our respect for others' growth; we

can share the spirit with another. We can
communicate our caring without getting lost in the
magic of it, with a pure intention that opens out to
others, that brings the heart into the world; the
merging of the inner & outer realities, the essence
of compassion & right action.

-Stephen Levine

Love is the only way to grasp another human
being in the innermost core of his personality- no
one can become fully aware of the very essence of
another human being unless he loves him.

-Victor Frankl

Only love can bring individual beings to their
perfect completion, as individuals. By uniting them
one with another, because only love takes
possession of them & unites them by what lies
deepest within them.

-Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

It is love, human & divine, which overcomes death
in nations & generations and in all the horror of our
time. -Paul Tillich

Love is not a doctrine, Peace is not an international
agreement, love & peace are beings that live as
possibilities in us. -M.C. Richards

Loving of self & others is life-giving. It is the
distortions of love that deprive it of its nourishing
quality. -Jack Gibb