

Quotations for Outreach Readings and Literature

Peace begins when hunger ends.

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We stand by as children starve by the millions because we lack the will to eliminate hunger. Yet we have found the will to develop missiles capable of flying over the polar cap and landing within a few hundred feet of their target. This is not innovation. It is the profound distortion of humanity's purpose on earth.

Former Senator Mark Hatfield (R-OR)

I can no longer protect myself from the reality of starvation by pretending that people who starve are nameless, faceless strangers. I know now who they are. They are just like me, only they are starving. I can no longer pretend that the collection of political agreements we call 'countries' separates me from the child who cries out in hunger halfway around the world. We are one and one of us is hungry.

Marilyn Ferguson

Each of the great social achievements of recent decades has come about not because of government proclamations, but because people organized, made demands, and made it good politics for governments to respond. It is the political will of the people that makes and sustains the political will of governments.

James Grant, Former Executive Director of UNICEF

I have been asked a question many a time, 'who is your hero?' I say, my hero does not depend on the position that a person occupies. My heroes are those simple men and women who have committed themselves to fighting poverty wherever it is to be found in the world.

Nelson Mandela

Power properly understood, is the ability to achieve purpose. It is the strength required to bring about social, political or economic changes. In this sense power is not only desirable but necessary in order to implement the demands of love and justice. One of the greatest problems of history is that the concepts of love and power are usually contrasted as polar opposites. Love is identified as a resignation of power and power with the denial of love....What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive and that love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Not only poverty, but inequality decimates the health of our people.

Dr. David Hilfiker

Pray for the dead then fight like hell for the living.

Mother Jones

A vision without a task is but a dream. A task without a vision is drudgery. A vision with a task is the hope of the world.

From a church in Sussex, England

Be Outrageous. It's the only place that isn't crowded.

Anonymous

More than ever, U.S. foreign policy toward the developing world plays a vital role in the global balance between conflict and peace. Our national security challenges are increasingly complex and the role of development increasingly recognized as pivotal.

USAID - Foreign Aid in the National Interest

When you get in a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

Harriet Beecher Stowe

How can one not speak about war, poverty, and inequality when people who suffer from these afflictions don't have a voice to speak?

Isabel Allende

In the developed countries there is a poverty of intimacy, a poverty of spirit, of loneliness, of lack of love. There is no greater sickness in the world today than that one.

Mother Teresa

When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.

Unknown-Inscribed on a soldier's cigarette lighter in Vietnam

Our goals must be not peace in our time but peace for all time.

Harry S Truman

True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

No matter that patriotism is too often the refuge of scoundrels. Dissent, rebellion, and all-around hell-rousing remain the true duties of patriots.

Barbara Ehrenreich

The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers.

Ralph Nader

Justice is truth in action.

Joseph Joubert

An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Prize speech

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi

In the quiet of American conscience, we know that deep, persistent poverty is unworthy of our nation's promise. And whatever our views of its causes, we can agree that children at risk are not at fault. Where there is suffering, there is duty.

George W. Bush, Inauguration Address

As long as there is poverty in the world I can never be rich...As long as diseases are rampant and millions of people in this world cannot expect to live more than twenty-eight or thirty years, I can never be totally healthy... I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the way our world is made. No individual or nation can boast of being independent. We are interdependent.

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If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.

John F. Kennedy

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace ... you are among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthy. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

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More money is put into prisons than into schools. That, in itself, is the description of a nation bent on suicide. I mean, what is more precious to us than our own children? We are going to build a lot more prisons if we do not deal with the schools and their inequalities.

Jonathan Kozol

Education, then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equaliser of the conditions of man, - the balance-wheel of the social machinery.

Horace Mann

The horizon leans forward, offering you space to place new steps of change.

Maya Angelou

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.

Albert Schweitzer

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.

Aristotle

Statistically—100% of the shots you don't take, don't go in.

Wayne Gretzky

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

We cannot allow politicians, the press, the public or ourselves to average out someone's pains with someone else's gains and think we are making progress.

Marian Wright Edelman

The universe will reward you for taking risks on its behalf.

Shakti Gawain

A Child is a person who is going to carry on what you started... He is going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend to those things you think are important... He will assume control of your cities, states, and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities and corporations. The fate of humanity is in his hands.

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A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.

Kathy Davis

It is simple to follow the easy gain and familiar path of personal ambition and private gain. It is more comfortable to sit content in the easy approval of friends and of neighbors than to risk the friction and controversy that comes with public affairs. It is easier to fall in step with the slogans of others than to march to the beat of the internal drummer--to make and stand on judgment of your own. And it is far easier to accept and to stand on the past, than to fight for the answers of the future.

Robert F. Kennedy

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

Calvin Coolidge

The future will depend on what we do in the present.

Mahatma Gandhi

I don't have time to be cynical. I'm too busy making a difference.

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

To my fellow swimmer:

There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift, that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold on to the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart and will suffer greatly. Know the river has its destination. The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river, keep our eyes open, and our head above the water. And I say, see who is in there with you and celebrate. At this time in history, we are to take nothing personal. Least of all ourselves. For the moment that we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt. The time of the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves! Banish the word struggle from your attitude and your vocabulary. All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration. WE ARE THE ONES WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

Oraibi, Arizona Hopi Nation

Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Even a superficial look at history reveals that no social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

What is not love is fear. Anger is one of fear's most potent faces. And it does exactly what fear wants it to do. It keeps us from receiving love at exactly the moment when we need it most.

Marianne Williamson, Illuminata

There are three kinds of groups:

*Those that make things happen.
Those that wait for things to happen.
Those that wonder what happened.*

We must do the things we think we cannot do. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Collaboration: an unnatural act performed by partially consenting adults, usually with the lights on and often around a table.

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The problems of democracy can be solved only with more democracy, not less.

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Apathy isn't about too little power, it's about too little hope.

Mary Alice Davis, in an editorial about RESULTS for the Austin American Statesman, 1999

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.

George Washington Carver

It's not the will to win, but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference.

Bear Bryant

IT IS CLEAR that there are moral people among us, and perhaps more important it's clear that moral people inspire us. That is reassuring. Eventually, that inspiration leads more of us into action.

Somehow the world is hungry for goodness and recognizes it when it sees it and has an incredible response to the good. There's something in all of us that hungers after the good and true, and when we glimpse it in people, we applaud them for it.

We long to be just a little like them. Through them we let the world's pain into our hearts, and we find compassion. When things go wrong or have been terribly wrong for some time, their inspiration reminds us of the tenderness for life that we can all feel.

Desmond Tutu

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.

William James

Sometimes our **light** goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light.

Albert Schweitzer, Medical missionary

All truth passes through three stages:

First, it is ridiculed.

Second, it is violently opposed.

Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

Arthur Schopenhauer, 1788-1860

You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand.

Woodrow Wilson

As you go the way of life you will see a great chasm. Jump. It is not as wide as you think.

Native American proverb

To the daring belongs the future.

Emma Goldman, Social activist

Most people see what is, and never see what can be.

Albert Einstein, Physicist

If you don't have a vision for the future, then your future is threatened to be a repeat of the past.

R. Bernard, Clergyman

Each person has inside a basic decency and goodness. If he listens to it and acts on it, he is giving a great deal of what it is the world needs most. It is not complicated, but it takes courage. It takes courage for a person to listen to his own goodness and act on it.

Pablo Casals, Cellist and conductor

Courage is the management of fear, not the absence of it.

Rudy Giuliani

*Thou art my child, I loved thee best
But I could not love thee half as much,
Loved I not all the rest.*

The Advocate's Prayer

Be humble for you are made of earth. Be noble for you are made of stars.

Serbian Proverb

Good leaders guide the willing and persuade the stubborn.

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The first task of a leader is to keep hope alive.

Joe Batten, Motivational speaker

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

Albert Pike

Few will have the greatness to bend history itself. But each of us can work to change a small portion of events. And in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.

Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968), U.S. Attorney General

It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968), U.S. Attorney General

The U.S. has a coherent, multi-faceted plan to attack terrorism. Poverty alleviation demands and deserves the same. It is an issue of human tragedy, for which we share responsibility. We have the intellectual resources, experience and, yes, money to do something meaningful. We just need the will to do the work.

Madeleine Albright

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.

Albert Einstein (1879-1955), Physicist

The past gives us experience and memories; the present gives us challenges and opportunities; the future gives us vision and hope.

William Arthur Ward (1921-1994), Journalist

The temptation when the path to success gets too bumpy is to leap back into the comfort zone. Don't. Keep pushing forward, always forward. The comfort zone is the land of dreams and wishes. Success is the land of results, where all those dreams come true.

Mark Burnett, Founder of the Eco-Challenge

Hope is not a *thought*, it is a *decision*. Decide to be hopeful.

Joanne Carter

Visionaries are possessed creatures, men and women in the thrall of belief so powerful that they ignore all else—even reason—to ensure that reality catches up with their dreams... for always behind the action is an idea; a passionate sense of what is eternal in human nature and what is coming, but as yet unseen, just over the horizon.

Time magazine, 1992

The time has long passed when, instead of the selfish "are you better off than you were four years ago?" the question must be instead: "Are we better off? Are the strong among us more just? Are the weak among us more secure?" Real citizenship and real leadership demand no less of each of us.

Mark Shields, Syndicated Columnist

We have an opportunity at this time in history to completely change the course of human culture. That opportunity is not simply an option anymore, it is a gauntlet thrown down by the forces of history, before a generation still not yet decided whether money and power or love and brotherhood should form the basis of our civilization. And we will decide, or life will decide for us. The human species will learn to become profoundly compassionate toward itself and toward all life. We will learn it through wisdom, or we will learn it through pain. But we will learn, because it's God's will that we become the people He has created us to be. It's not up to us where we are going—but how we get there, and when, is determined by every choice we make, every moment of the day.

Marianne Williamson, Everyday Grace

If there is no wind, row.

Latin proverb

There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few we can solve by ourselves.

Lyndon B. Johnson (1908-1973) 36th U.S. President

It takes a noble person to plant a tree that will one day provide shade for those whom he may never meet.

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Cherish your visions and your dreams as they are the children of your soul; the blueprints of your ultimate achievements.

Napoleon Hill, Writer (1883-1970), writer

Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

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The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment.

Robert Hutchins

Change is inevitable; growth is optional.

Unknown

Out beyond ideas of wrong-doing and right-doing there is a field. I'll meet you there.

Rumi, Sufi poet

We say we're tough on crime; we're only tough on criminals. Were we tough on crime we'd put the money up front, in prevention, in building communities, not more prisons. We forget that crime is a moral as well as a legal problem. Some of us are guilty but all of us are responsible. We stress guilty to exonerate the others also responsible for the soaring crime rate.

William Sloane Coffin

What do I live for?
For the cause that lacks assistance
For the wrong that needs resistance
For the future in the distance
And the good that I can do.

George Linnaeus Banks

...I swear I will not dishonor my soul with hatred, but offer myself humbly as a guardian of nature, as a healer of misery, as a messenger of wonder, as an architect of peace...

Diane Ackerman

There are those who give little of the much they have - and they give it for recognition and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.

And there are those who have little and give it all.

These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty.

There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward. And there are those who live with pain, and that pain is their baptism.

And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue; They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space. Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.

Kahlil Gibran

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

Albert Schweitzer

This is the hour. We are the ones we've been waiting for.

Hopi Elder

The day that hunger is eradicated from the earth, there will be the greatest spiritual explosion the world has ever known. Humanity cannot imagine the joy that will burst into the world on the day of that great revolution.

Federico Garcia Lorca

I think the greatest quality one can display in this life is not genius or creativity. It is courage, the willingness to take risks, whether in our personal relationships or in starting a business. It is the power to risk that allows us to soar on the wings of our conquering spirit.

Carl Heibert (fellow who, after becoming a quadriplegic, flew solo twice across Canada in an ultralight)

Now is the time to act, now is the time to create, now is the time for us to live in a way that will give life to others.

Nobel Laureates' Hunger Manifesto, 1981

We have a great opportunity during this time of war to lead the world toward the values that will bring lasting peace. All fathers and mothers, in all societies, want their children to be educated and live free from poverty and violence.

President George W. Bush, State of the Union Address, January 29, 2002

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TOO MUCH

To my sisters and brothers in developing countries:

While I was deciding which oat bran cereal to eat this morning, you were searching the ground for leftover grains from the passing wheat truck.

While I was jogging at the health center, you were working in the wealthy landowner's fields under a scorching sun.

While I was choosing between diet and regular soda, your parched lips were yearning for the touch of water.

While I complained about the poor service at the gourmet restaurant, you were gratefully receiving a bowl of rice.

While I poured my "fresh and better" detergent in the washing machine, you stood in the river with your bundle of clothes.

While I watched the evening news on my wide screen television set, you were being terrorized and taunted by a dictatorship government.

While I read the newspaper and drank my cup of steaming coffee, you walked the dusty, hot miles to the tiny, crowded schoolroom to try to learn how to read.

While I scanned the ads for a bargain on an extra piece of clothing, you woke up and put on the same shirt and pants that you have worn for many months.

While I built a 14room house for the three of us, your family of 10 found shelter in a one-room hut.

While I went to Church last Sunday and felt more than slightly bored, you looked out upon the earth and those around you and felt gratitude to God for being alive for one more day.

My sisters and brothers, forgive me for my arrogance and my indifference. Forgive me for my greed of always wanting newer, bigger and better things. Forgive me for not doing my part to change the unjust systems that keep you suffering and impoverished.

I offer you my promise to become more aware of your situation and to change my lifestyle as I work for transformation of our world

Servite Sister Joyce Rupp, author of Dear Heart, Come Home

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate, Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? Actually who are you NOT to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us: it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Marianne Williamson as spoken by Nelson Mandela at his inaugural speech in 1994

Terrorism really flourishes in areas of poverty, despair and hopelessness, where people see no future. We have to show people who might move in the direction of terrorism that there is a better way.

Colin L. Powell in his speech at the World Economic Forum in New York, Feb. 1, 2002

We know that microenterprise is not charity; it is an outstanding investment. It helps the poorest of the poor break the cycle of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. With barely more money than any of us would spend on a new suit or a weekend away, a woman receiving a microenterprise loan can literally change the course of her life. The loan may enable her to open a small restaurant, start a small business, buy some chickens, sell their eggs, make bread to sell to her neighbors.

Representative Nita Lowey, U.S. House of Representatives, July 24, 2002

Mr. Speaker, once again, the United States has an opportunity, and the responsibility, to lead the world in confronting one of the most compelling humanitarian and moral challenges facing us today. I speak of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, a crisis unparalleled in modern times and one that threatens both the entire world, embracing developed and developing countries alike.

Representative Henry Hyde, U.S. House of Representatives, December 11, 2001

Today, in the absence of an overriding threat we must recognize that everything, from the strength of our economy, to the safety of our cities, to the health of our people, depends not only on events within our borders, but on events half a world away and on our ability to shape them.

President William Jefferson Clinton, San Francisco, February 26, 1999

The more young people in the Middle East and elsewhere who have something to look forward to in the morning, the fewer who will be willing to die before sunset.

President William Jefferson Clinton, Israel, January 21, 2001

We need to resolve that out of this evil will come good. We are determined that through our tears, America will see and seize opportunities to make the world better. And, yes, it is very much the time to press ahead with our efforts to ensure a freer, more peaceful and more prosperous future for the men, women and children of Africa.

Secretary of State, Colin L. Powell, Africare Bishop John T. Walker Memorial Dinner, Nov. 6, 2001

Many of those rich countries have acute social problems of their own. But none of them can be indifferent to the social conditions in which so many people in poor countries live. Such extreme squalor is an affront to our common humanity. We are all impoverished if the poor are denied opportunities to make a living. And it is within our power to extend these opportunities to all.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, General Assembly Special Session "World Summit for Social Development and Beyond: Achieving Social Development for All in a Globalizing World" in Geneva, June 26, 2000

It is incumbent upon those of us who serve in elective office to uphold the bipartisan tradition of enlightened American leadership around the world. In this era of globalization, international affairs touch the lives of average Americans in unprecedented ways. And as we wage a global campaign to purge from the world, the terrorist threat against our very way of life, the assistance we provide to friendly governments and impoverished peoples across the globe supports our ability to sustain an international coalition to fight terror and retain the popular goodwill necessary to this task.

Senator John McCain, U.S. Senate, October 24, 2001

Effective action against international poverty must become a new national priority. We must do much more to ease the harsh conditions in so much of the world that are breeding grounds for despair, extremism, and violence. To succeed not just now, but in the years ahead the global war on terrorism must also be a global war on poverty. This is not only a moral obligation; it is an urgent, practical, indispensable element of our future national security.

Senator Edward Kennedy, National Press Club, January 16, 2002

We must press on with our agenda for peace and prosperity in every land. My country is pledged to encouraging development and expanding trade. My country is pledged to investing in education and combating AIDS and other infectious diseases around the world. Following September 11th, these pledges are even more important. In our struggle against hateful groups that exploit poverty and despair, we must offer an alternative of opportunity and hope.

President George W. Bush, UN General Assembly, November 10, 2001

It is not the 150 Account and the State Department you're helping; it is America's place in the world. It is the value system that America is trying to show to the rest of the world, the value system that we are taking to the rest of the world that is founded on the individual rights of men and women, founded on human dignity, founded on the power of democracy, founded on the power of the free enterprise system, founded on the belief that everybody ought to have a chance to reach as high and as far as their ambitions and dreams will take them...this is not foreign aid going out the window; this is an investment into the future of the world, but more importantly, it is an investment in the future of America. This benefits the American people at the end of the day, whether it is an investment in our operating accounts to run the Department or an investment in USAID and the other accounts we have that invest in these societies that are looking to us for inspiration, looking to us for help.

Secretary of State, Colin L. Powell, State Department Round Table on Preserving U.S. Global Leadership, July 10, 2001

As America undertakes a war on terrorism, we must declare a war on global poverty as well, and we must do so because our national security demands no less. If we are going to win the war against terrorism, we have to be willing to invest in the lives and livelihoods of the people of the developing world. For it is the poverty and the resulting political instability and institutional weakness of developing countries, many of them failed or near failed states, which provide the ecosystem in which terrorists, terrorist operations, terrorist recruitment, and terrorist organizations are able to flourish.

Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senate, October 24, 2001

There is no effective development strategy that does not invest in women.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, "Global Forum Calls for Rescue Package", ILO Focus, Winter 2001-2002

Responding to disease outbreaks is important to millions who live in the poorest regions of the world, and it also is important to our own security. These efforts are equally important for combating the spread of biological agents, such as anthrax, that are used in acts of terrorism.

After years of neglect, we are finally beginning to strengthen the capacity of developing countries to conduct surveillance and to respond to disease outbreaks that today are only a plane trip away from many U.S. airports. But the American people need to know that we still are devoting not nearly enough to infectious diseases programs, to other global health initiatives, and to critical foreign assistance programs such as development aid. The terrorist attacks have shown us more clearly than ever that foreign aid is an integral part of our national security and that we cannot possibly deal a lasting blow to international terrorism without a comprehensive strategy that includes foreign assistance alongside diplomacy, law enforcement, and military power.

Senator Patrick Leahy, Press Release, January 10, 2002

Providing nourishment, health, and happiness to all of God's children will cost each American only a few dollars. That's a small price to pay. In the long run it will cost us a lot more if we let 300 million children remain hungry and poorly educated. How many Albert Einsteins, Marie Curies, Martin Luther Kings, and Michael Jordans will never develop if we do nothing to feed the hungry children of the world? Who can evaluate that loss?

Ambassador George P. McGovern, The Boston Globe, July 20, 2000

So, I think this is a very important point that we must recognize: it is not enough to fight terrorism, we must also address the social conditions that provide a fertile ground from which volunteers who are willing to sacrifice their lives can be recruited.

Chairman and President of Soros Fund Management LLC George Soros, The Asia Society Hong Kong Center, September 19, 2001

We need to invest more in programs that actively undermine the breeding grounds of terror. Americans spend 10 times more on bottled water than our nation invests in advancing democracy worldwide.

Senator Mitch McConnell, The Bloomberg News, October 26, 2001

We must do all we can to help promote democratic institutions, economic growth, job creation, a sense of participation in society. Otherwise, we'll be confronted with the same problem in different persons and different places forever.

Senator George Mitchell, Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation, December 12, 2001

Fifty years on, we see more clearly that what happens to the poorest citizen in the poorest country can affect the richest citizen in the richest one. And we are challenged by the yawning gap between what technology enables us to do-abolish poverty-and the reality of 110 million children without schooling, 7 million avoidable child deaths each year, one billion people in poverty.

Gordon Brown, UK Chancellor of the Exchequer, The Washington Post, December 17, 2001

We're going to have to do a lot more in the areas of education, health care, democracy building. If we're going to be bold and face this thing [September 11 events] as a national emergency, we have to recognize that our economic aid and assistance programs (are) part of our diplomacy.

Representative Jim Kolbe, USA Today, December 4, 2001

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength,
While loving someone deeply gives you courage.

Lao Tzu

*When I despair, I remember that all through history the ways of truth and love have always
on. There have been tyrants, and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in
the end they always fall.
Think of it - always.*

Mahatma Gandhi

Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through
the tireless efforts of (those) willing to be coworkers with God, and without
this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social
stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe
to do right. Power concedes nothing without a demand.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., from his
1963 "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"

*If there is no struggle there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet
deprecate agitation, are (those) who want crops without plowing up the ground, they want
rain without thunder and lightning, they want the ocean without the awful roar of its many
waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both
moral and physical; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It
never did and it never will.*

Frederick Douglass (1857)

I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the
safety of my country . Corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high
places will follow, and the money of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working
upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the
Republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than
ever before, even in the midst of war.

Abraham Lincoln

*If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a closed room with a
mosquito.*

African proverb

When it's over, I want to say: all my life I was a bride, married to amazement.
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.

When it's over, I don't want to wonder if I have made of my life something particular and real.
I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened or full of argument.

I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

Mary Oliver, "When Death Comes"

*Something we were withholding made us weak,
Until we found it was ourselves.*

Robert Frost

I'm for truth, no matter who tells it. I'm for justice, no matter who is for or against it. I'm for whoever and whatever benefits humanity as a whole.

Malcolm X

'Courage' comes from 'the heart'-coeur in French, corazon in Spanish - and courage means you see the importance of this thing in front of you so strong and so seriously and you have so much heart and you care about it so much that you don't even consider whether you are afraid or not. If your knees are knocking together like castanets, it doesn't matter, because what has to be done has to be done and you don't consider that other stuff. You love somebody enough, or you love everybody enough, that it is worth your while to do it.

Stephen Gaskin

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

Albert Schweitzer

What concerns me most today is the way we have disconnected ideas from power in America, and created for ourselves thoughtful citizens who disdain politics and politicians, when more than ever we need to value politics and what politicians do...

A. Bartlett Giamatti, former president, Yale University

I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, others can build up. human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of NOW. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late.. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The civilized have created the wretched, quite coldly and deliberately, and do not intend to change the status quo; are responsible for their slaughter and enslavement; rain down bombs on defenseless children whenever and wherever they decide that their 'vital interests' are minced, and think nothing of torturing a man to death; these people are not to be taken seriously when they speak of the 'sanctity' of human life, or the 'conscience' of the civilized world.

James Baldwin

True compassion is more than flinging a coin at a beggar; it comes to see that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

*We're not just passengers on Spaceship Earth; we're the crew.
We're not just residents; we're citizens. The difference, in both cases, is responsibility.*

Rusty Schweickart, Apollo astronaut

Between persons of equal income, there is no social distinction except the distinction of merit. Money is nothing: character, conduct, and capacity are everything. Instead of all the workers being leveled down to low wage standards and all the rich leveled up to fashionable income standards, everybody under a system of equal incomes would find her and his own natural level. There would be great people and ordinary people and little people; but the great would always be those who have done great things, and never the idiots whose mothers had spoiled them and whose fathers had left them a hundred thousand a year; and the little would be persons of small minds and mean characters, and not poor persons who had never had a chance. That is why idiots are always in favor of inequality of income (their only chance of eminence), and the really great in favor of equality.

George Bernard Shaw

...what are the marvels of civilization if people are deprived of manifesting themselves, if they do not get any scope to build a healthy body, to invigorate their intelligence with wisdom, and to broaden their hearts with love and compassion?

Prabhat Rainjan Sarkar

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID, ...BUT THEY
WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

Anonymous

Until one is committed there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness concerning all the acts of creation and initiative. There is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: That the moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help that would never otherwise have occurred: a whole stream of events issues from the commitment, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no man could have dreamt could have come his way.

W.H. Murray, Scottish Himalayan Expedition

The things to do are: the things that need doing; that you see need to be done, and that no one else seems to see need to be done.

R. Buckminster Fuller

I hold it, that a little rebellion now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical.

Thomas Jefferson

When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this - - you haven't.

Thomas Edison

Our freedom was not won a century ago, it is not won today, but some small part of it is in our hands, and we are marching no longer by ones and twos but in legions of thousands convinced now it cannot be denied by any human force.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Our microcredit movement will some day embrace every nation of the planet ... It will be led not by governments, but by their citizens. Its greatest victories will be won not by soldiers, but by mothers. Its most important acts of creativity and generosity will be demonstrated not by technicians or donors, but by the very poor.

John Hatch, Director of FINCA

Shall we sit back and watch our social system crumble on the TV screen? Or can we step out of our private views and interests, figure out what is objectively good for the human species and act on it.

Jeremy Shapiro

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;
 Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, People may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
 Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
 Succeed anyway.
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
 Be honest and frank anyway.
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
 Build anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
 Be happy anyway.
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
 Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
 Give the world the best you've got anyway.
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
 It was never between you and them anyway.

attributed to Mother Teresa

*No man is an Iland, intire of it selfe;
 any man's death diminishes me,
 because I am involved in Mankinde;
 And therefore never send to know
 for whom the bell tolls;
 It tolls for thee.*

John Donne

Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The day that hunger is eradicated from the earth, there will be the greatest spiritual explosion the world has ever known. Humanity cannot imagine the joy that will burst into the world on the day of that great revolution.

Federico Garcia Lorca, Spanish poet and dramatist, 1899-1936

Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

Howard Thurman, a mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, said Friday that although the physical sciences set the agenda for the 20th century, it is the biological challenges facing the world that will dominate political policy in the 21st century. Global health and economic interdependence...rely "on healthy nations as well as political stability, which can be very easily and swiftly destroyed by diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other parasitic diseases." ...Politicians and political leaders are just now beginning to appreciate the degree to which infectious diseases affect the security of nations.

Steven Reinberg, "NIH Head Predicts That Life Sciences Will Dominate Political Policy in 21st Century", Reuters Health. Sept. 11, 2000.

Spiritual people refuse to tolerate the intolerable. They believe that the present order, no matter how dark and dangerous, is never the last word. Simply put, they believe we are put here on earth to make it a better place.

The Rev. Wm Sloane Coffin

It was Gandhi, I think, who said, "Those who claim that the spiritual and the political don't mix understand neither."

The Rev. Wm Sloane Coffin

Quotes by Bono

The attention of the world might sometimes be elsewhere, but history is watching. It's taking notes. And it's going to hold us to account, each of us.

At a certain point, I just felt, you know, God is not looking for alms, God is looking for action.

When the story of these times gets written, we want it to say that we did all we could, and it was more than anyone could have imagined.

It's not enough to rage against the lie...you've got to replace it with the truth.

Well this is the time for bold measures. This is the country (America), and you are the generation.

We're not here today for a victory lap; we're here to pick up the pace. Because AIDS is outrunning us. Eight million people die every year for the price of going out with your friends to the movies and buying an ice cream. Literally for about \$30 a head per year, you could save 8 million lives. Isn't that extraordinary? Preventable disease - not calamity, not famine, nothing like that. Preventable disease - just for the lack of medicines. That is cheap, that is a bargain.

But you know what's amazing? Everywhere I go, I see very much the same thing. I see the same compassion for people who live half a world away. I see the same concern about events beyond these borders. And, increasingly, I see the same conviction that we can and we must join together to stop the scourge of AIDS and poverty.

But we've got to follow through on our ideals or we betray something at the heart of who we are. Outside these gates, and even within them, the culture of idealism is under siege, beset by materialism and narcissism and all the other isms of indifference

Every era has its defining struggle and the fate of Africa is one of ours. It's not the only one, but in the history books it's easily going to make the top five, what we did or what we did not do. It's a proving ground, as I said earlier, for the idea of equality. But whether it's this or something else, I hope you'll pick a fight and get in it.

There are potentially another 10 Afghanistans in Africa, and it is cheaper by a factor of 100 to prevent the fires from happening than to put them out.

Imagine if a third of the kids at your local primary school were AIDS orphans. That's a reality in Africa where the parents of 13 million children have been killed by AIDS.

Every age has its massive moral blind spots. We might not see them, but our children will. Slavery was one of them and the people who best served that age were the ones who called it as it was--which was ungodly and inhuman.

Segregation. There was another one. America sees this now but it took a civil rights movement to betray their age. And 50 years ago the U.S. Supreme Court betrayed the age May 17, 1954, Brown vs. Board of Education came down and put the lie to the idea that separate can ever really be equal. Amen to that. Fast forward 50 years. May 17, 2004. What are the ideas right now worth betraying? What are the lies we tell ourselves now? What are the blind spots of our age?

Dwight D. Eisenhower Quotations

I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its stupidity.

Canadian Club. Ottawa. Canada January 10, 1946

A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.

First Inaugural Address January 20. 1953

There is--in world affairs--a steady course to be followed between an assertion of strength that is truculent and a confession of helplessness that is cowardly.

State of the Union Address, February 2. 1953

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.

"The Chance for Peace" Address, April 16. 1953

The world moves, and ideas that were good once are not always good.

Press Conference. Washington. D.C. August 31. 1955

The only way to win World War III is to prevent it.

Radio and TV Address, September 19. 1956

The final battle against intolerance is to be fought--not in the chambers of any legislature--but in the hearts of men.

Campaign Speech. Los Angeles. CA October 19. 1956

I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of their way and let them have it.

TV Talk with Prime Minister Macmillan August 31. 1959

In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex.

Farewell Address. Radio and TV January 17, 1961

US Military and Intelligence Leaders Speak out On the Global AIDS Threat

The impact of HIV/Aids on the mobility of South African soldiers could be wide-ranging, even resulting in a halt to peace-keeping deployments. So says General Charles Wald, head of the American defence force's European command. A total of 44 African countries, including South Africa, fall under Wald's responsibility. Wald recently visited South Africa, and 10 other countries in Africa. He said the high levels of HIV/AIDS among South African soldiers was of concern.

Deon Lamprecht, quoting General Charles Wald USAF, Deputy Commander, U.S. European Command, News 24, South Africa (Mar 9, 2004)

The spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa is of growing concern to former Deputy European Commander (EUCOM) Marine General Carl Fulford, who fears it will undermine the fragile reform process in emerging democracies as well as the ability of African military forces to field effective peacekeeping forces on the conflict-prone continent. Fulford said, "AIDS is going to have an impact on the institutions that are critical to the survival of emerging democracies that don't need another kick to the stomach."

Marine General Carl Fulford, Former Deputy European Commander (EUCOM): Africa Center for Strategic Studies, Mar 10, 2004

There is another threat to the region and the world that already has been more destructive than any weapon of mass destruction, more destructive than any army's activities and any conflict but which is not generally perceived to be a security threat: HIV/AIDS.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, on the threat in Asia, (Agence France-Presse, 6/18/03)

[AIDS] threatens to rob Southern Africa of generations of leaders and workers, of farmers and educators-with devastating effects on economies and societies. Is this a security issue? You bet it is. With more than 40 million people infected right now, a figure that-by 2010-may reach 100 million, AIDS is building dangerous momentum in regions beyond Africa. And not just the absolute poorest, either. Countries like Russia, India, and China will face major risks.

US Director of Central Intelligence, George J. Tenet, 10 May 2003

AIDS is taking a toll as profound as any military confrontation around the globe, and it is a security threat to countries it assaults as well as their neighbors, partners and allies," a 2001 report from the International Crisis Group states. The report, titled "HIV/AIDS as a Security Issue," says that AIDS can "no longer be understood or responded to as primarily a public health crisis," but must be considered a "threat to security."

International Crisis Group