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Community Matters — In the Image...

There is a statue in Santa Monica of a man who is 7' tall, and occupies a wide corner of Wilshire Boulevard and 26th street. The statue has a name - "In the image" - and was conceived by Ed Massey and completed in 2001, the year terrorists decimated the Twin Towers, and the lives of the people in them and on the ground.

The statue, dedicated to the anonymous homeless, calls for a response through its quiet, gentle strength. Standing in its presence, it is impossible not to be confronted with one's personal thoughts and private emotion for humankind. One looks into the face of abandonment, draws one's eye over a figure carrying all they possess - a take-away cup, blanket and wearing a few disheveled clothes - and you're left asking just as many questions of yourself as you are of eliciting empathy for another who is visibly suffering. What do you hear in that moment of silence, as you contemplate standing in another's soleless shoes?



Replace the statue in your mind with one of the countless homeless we witness daily, living in makeshift tents under a freeway bridge, on the sidewalk, or curled up in a vacant store entrance, cold, unclean, unable to get up from the hard ground on which they fell. How do we respond? Are we afraid to look, to connect, terrified that it could trigger our own fears of being in the same desperate condition of lack, suffering, isolated darkness. Recognizing that, in our own ways, we might our selves actually be displaced. The homeless, tragically, have no place to hide.

The 2020 hindsight of this extraordinary year is that it is forcing each one of us to re-write our comfortable thoughts. No longer the luxury of placing segments of life in appropriate boxes and hiding away those that don't appeal. The deep social unrest that again has

blistered the surface, the fight for justice for all that continues because it hasn't been adequately addressed, the rapid and terrifying global reach of an invisible deadly virus, the pain and desperate loss of life amidst the trauma and chaos of a pandemic. Our connectedness to one another can no longer be in doubt or ignored.



So what can we do? Do what we can. On the scale that we can. And for the purpose that ignites our heart. Mr Rogers, in *It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, might call it a daily practice of contemplation, prayer, generosity of spirit, creative thought, and kindness. In the film he demonstrates the sign language for 'friend' as an interlocking of fingers, forming a lockable bond. We have our stories of brokenness, we carry pain we don't need to - often for so many years it becomes the fabric of our identity - and we shut out love in case it exposes our vulnerability when it is exactly the healing salve that will save us. Our deep connectedness is the unbreakable bond of humankind.

...Are we afraid to look... terrified it could trigger our own fears?...

The statue 'In the image', the inhumane terror of the 2001 attacks, the tragic loss of life of George Floyd and countless others, are clanging symbols to remind each one of us that life is a precious gift and it is our duty - and joy - to live with a sense of purpose to serve another. We are human beings, and to be a kind human is to be transformative. The invisible ripples pulsate far and wide and more powerfully than a deadly virus. A renowned transplant surgeon once reminded me, a kidney is pink. We are all the same on the inside. Color of skin is an irrelevance. All lives matter, and especially those lives that have been cruelly and inhumanely oppressed. It is at such a time as this that we are called to unity, and to dismantle the metaphorical or physical barriers and walls we have built that cause the toxicity of division, hatred and misunderstanding. We are so much bigger together, and the more love there is, the more love there is!

Andrea Tennant



Photo by Andrea Tennant.

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Written by John and Anne following the 1993 LA race riots in Los Angeles.

Stand in the Light

John & Anne Barbour

The lights have gone out all over the world
& left us to wander blind
All we can hear is the sound of our fear
As darkness reveals our crime
Our biggest mistake is the distance we make
Where is the tie that binds

Chorus:

When we stand in the light don't we all look the same
When we stand in the light of His sovereign grace
When we stand in the light can't we all see our sin
When we stand, stand in the light of Him

Verse 2:

The young ones see visions the old ones dream dreams
The latter reign has come
There are wonders in heaven & wonders on earth
But where has the blessing gone
It's out in the cold night embracing the starlight
Chasing down the dawn

Verse 3:

There's a garment we wear crafted with care
Woven by love alone
It's a garment of faith a mantle of grace
Proof of the love He's shown
I dream of the day when our walls melt away
& by our love we're known

Stand In The Light

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For eight years **The James Storehouse Resource Center** has been providing a network of support for all those in the foster care community in both Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. They are dedicated to providing essential emergency care for:

- children and youth in foster care
- youth who have aged out
- children rescued from local sex trafficking
- children at risk of being removed from their homes for lack of basic resources



In 2019, James Storehouse, in partnership with community donors, provided emergency resources and support for 5,026 children and their caregiving families. We'd love to introduce you to three of our youth and how some of our many programs were used to help meet their essential needs heightened by the pandemic.

KEANNA | TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: Meet nineteen-year-old Keanna! Like most youth who have aged out of foster care, she is living on her own with no natural supporters to help her transition to independence. She has had more foster homes than birthdays - 32 to be exact. Keanna has dedicated her career to helping others, but due to COVID-19's impact on bus

schedules, she was forced to quit her job. The costs of taking an Uber were overwhelming, leaving her unable to pay rent and bills. In June 2020, we had the unbelievable joy of presenting Keanna with a car donated by a member of our community! "This car means so much to me. I can't even stress how many opportunities that it's opened up for me," Keanna said. She went on to say, "Now I'm going to be able to work, doesn't matter how far it is or what time it starts at because I'm not going to have to worry about when the buses aren't running. I would not be here where I'm at with the things that I have if it weren't for James Storehouse. Not because they gave it to me but because they motivated me to work harder to earn these." It is a privilege to help aged out youth like Keanna transition successfully to independence. Donations like this that can change the course of a life forever! Keanna dreams of becoming a lawyer one day, but says she first wants to serve as a probation officer so she can use her voice to help other kids and young adults facing hardships. [Contact us: jamesstorehouse.org](https://jamesstorehouse.org).

Stacy Dewitt, Executive Director

DANIELLE | ANTI-TRAFFICKING: This is Danielle! In a recent local sex-trafficking raid, nearly 80% of the girls rescued had spent time in the foster care system. Traffickers are actually trained to target vulnerable youth, so foster care is ground zero for human trafficking, especially during this pandemic. At James Storehouse, we are honored to work alongside youth like Danielle. Each month we host an empowering life-skills class for Danielle and other girls that provides a safe place of belonging and equips them with the tools they need to embrace their freedom. Find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter if you would like to be a part of our fall events or to be a part of our trainings on trafficking awareness and prevention.



Reflections on Justice



It's time to do the work.

On July 20th I received in an email a prayer by Elizabeth Behrens titled A Prayer of Acknowledgement & Lament. It was, for all intents and purposes, the groaning of a saint over the pain being witnessed here on earth. Though I didn't know it at the time, this prayer would become an important answer to the questions I had long been asking:

“what do we – as followers of Christ – do now? After months of violence, protests, hundreds of social media campaigns, and countless articles and livestreams, how can we practically respond to the long and hard question of racism; the social and cultural polarization over the use of face masks, the pending election that is projected to deepen our nation's political divide even further?”

I now know Behrens' prayer was the perfect balm for my pain and the beginning of a transformative journey to discover how we, the people of God and of goodwill, can begin to heal our communities and our nation. This letter is an attempt to share with you what I have discovered thus far.

We are living through one of the most difficult and painful times in modern history. Unlike the rest of the world, America has experienced not one, but two pandemics. The coronavirus is not only attacking our human and public health, it is exposing the structural and racial inequities that exist across our nation.

However, these last six months have not only found us vulnerable to a virus. They have exposed an insidious social ill that many in our country thought we had all but left behind. **This virus of systemic racism has not just momentarily ravaged our nation's health, it has devastated black and brown communities for centuries. In this moment, it is crystal clear that we need more than physical healing – we need spiritual and social healing even more.**

Theodore Parker, a theologian and minister born in 1810, used his pulpit and platform to call for the abolition of slavery. In 1853 he penned a collection of sermons including one titled “Of Justice and the Conscience” that included figurative language about the arc of the moral universe:

I do not pretend to understand the moral universe, the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways. I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight; I can divine it by conscience. But from what I see I am sure it bends towards justice.

But over 150 years later, many are asking if it is still possible to ‘bend the arc of history toward justice’ given what seems to be a now insurmountable feat. Yet, I believe it is no accident that the issues of racism, racial and income inequality, and social animus are being laid at the doorstep of the Church. Rather, it seems obvious that the work of parts of the church throughout history remains undone. For this reason, we should see this time not as a reckoning, but as an opportunity to lean into a calling left woefully incomplete. We must recognize that a stain that took 400 years to fully set racial injustice into our country’s DNA will require more than a century to remove. And it is up to each us to not just recognize that such a stain exists, but to take action.

And so, it’s time to do the work.

My hunch is that the answer to healing the scourge of racism begins with empathy, and with our return to conversing civilly with those at the center of the crisis – in particular the people who find themselves on the receiving end of it. For it is the power of empathy that brings us together and exposes us to the ideas and perspectives we naturally self-select out of. Empathy also helps us see the spaces where, as humans, are far more alike than different.

Yet, I believe this issue of racial injustice is too important to wait for government, media or even our tried and tested institutions to lead. What begins to heal us is an empathic pursuit of justice, not just a legislative one. It is incumbent upon each one of us to listen, to learn and to discover how we can individually step into the issues that so often divide us, in particular the ones that regularly dismantle justice and promote conflict. As people of God and good will, it our job to bring reconciliation and healing in its place. We can each plant seeds that lead to a future worth having and the civil society our current age demands.

This moment is also an opportunity to begin new conversations in our families, in communities and across our nation. It is an opportunity to talk with one another in an effort to answer the hard, yet important questions of our time. We must learn to relate or dare I say, love one another across difference and find ways to bridge divides and create new language. In fact, we might just need to adopt a new meaning of community itself. **Even more, we have an opportunity to learn to hold to our convictions AND have passionate disagreements and arise more committed to one another – regardless of race or creed – as a result.**

As President of IDEOS, I come to this moment with great optimism, recognizing that lasting change often rises from moments of crisis AND moments of great pain. As someone who wakes up each day with the role of finding solutions to the polarizing and conflict laden issues of our time, I have to.

But make no mistake, the roots of racial injustice are long and deep, and their unearthing will be a life-long process. Yet, as Christians, the work to overcome injustice and division is embedded in our most sacred of tomes. **Micah 6:8 proclaims that we are to “love mercy, do justice and walk humbly with our God.”** Thousands of years ago, the people of Jesus were given these marching orders. They still call to us today. If you are not yet ready, then I commend to you the following poem: *A Litany for Those not Ready for Healing* (see page 17). However, if like me you are tired of seeing injustice and hatred flourish, then rise. **It is time to do the work.** Christy Vines, President, IDEOS www.ideos.is

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In 2010, I heard God’s call to help the poor in my community (Ventura County) by raising cattle to donate. I’ll never forget my first night serving. I had no idea what to expect; they assigned me to distributing meat from the refrigerator. Seeing broken families and individuals going through the line broke my heart but it wasn't until the line was coming to an end that I realized the magnitude of what was taking place. An elderly woman approached, and as I handed her a packaged steak she all of a sudden broke down crying and gave me a hug, saying that without the meat that I was giving her she would have nothing to eat. My heart just sank.

During my time serving at the pantry and seeing the lack of meat, and the poor quality being distributed through the pantry, my heart was broken again and I renewed my commitment to move forward with the hope that God had given me. We bought land and started to learn how to ranch. Today, 10 years later, on

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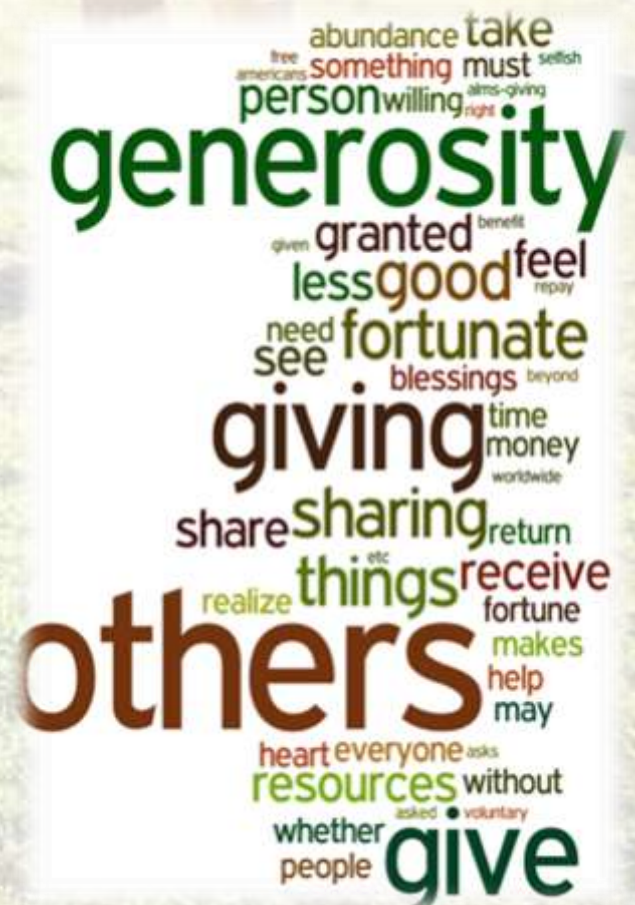
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our small ranch, we raise cattle, and donate 100% of the beef to food pantries in Ventura County and LA County. Throughout this time God has faithfully confirmed and reconfirmed what His calling was for my family and me. We formed a charity, called Steer'd Up where others can donate to help with costs of feed and care, and cost of the USDA processing. We're proud to be a "farm to community" provider to feed the poor of OUR communities, faithfully honoring God's call to serve.

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A Litany for Those not Ready for Healing

Let us not rush to the language of healing, before understanding the fullness of the injury and the depth of the wound.

Let us not rush to offer a band-aid, when the gaping wound requires surgery and complete reconstruction.

Let us not offer false equivalencies, thereby diminishing the particular pain being felt in a particular circumstance in a particular historical moment.

Let us not speak of reconciliation without speaking of reparations and restoration, or how we can repair the breach and how we can restore the loss.

Let us not rush past the loss of this mother's child, this father's child...someone's beloved son.

Let us not value property over people; let us not protect material objects while human lives hang in the balance.

Let us not value a false peace over a righteous justice.

Let us not be afraid to sit with the ugliness, the messiness, and the pain that is life in community together.

Let us not offer clichés to the grieving, those whose hearts are being torn asunder. Instead...

Let us mourn black and brown men and women, those killed extrajudicially every 28 hours.

Let us lament the loss of a teenager, dead at the hands of a police officer who described him as a demon.

Let us weep at a criminal justice system, which is neither blind nor just.

Let us call for the mourning men and the wailing women, those willing to rend their garments of privilege and ease and sit in the ashes of this nation's original sin.

Let us be silent when we don't know what to say.

Let us be humble and listen to the pain, rage, and grief pouring from the lips of our neighbors and friends.

Let us decrease, so that our brothers and sisters who live on the underside of history may increase.

Let us pray with our eyes open and our feet firmly planted on the ground

Let us listen to the shattering glass and let us smell the purifying fires, for it is the language of the unheard.

God, in your mercy...

Show me my own complicity in injustice.

Convict me for my indifference.

Forgive me when I have remained silent.

Equip me with a zeal for righteousness.

- Dr Yolanda Pierce

Generosity and Justice

Can we “Do-Over” 2020?

Oh- how we hear this! First COVID 19, Shutdowns and Disruptions, and the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd, rekindling the ugliness of Racial Injustices. 2020 will be carved deeply in history.

“Should we even try a Do-Over?”



The answer is NO, and NO! Here's why!

Arguments to rationalize, defend, blame, explain, even erase- not helpful. There are seekers of perfection at every turn. If only it were possible to erase, to re-do, or simply not have “those people” or “that history” in the way.

I was in a conversation just yesterday, a deep and thoughtful one with 2 friends, one white and one black, genuinely seeking to learn and understand past and present racial injustice issues in a loving manner, each with a unique story. One question came up over and over. **“But what do we do about it?”**

Many friends and neighbors are struggling; some for generations....

Humankind's imperfection is inherent in our experiences, in all glory or horror, as the case may be. History matters, and it can teach, but that's all. There is but one ultimate solution- and that is a forgiving, giving and loving effort today and tomorrow, doing our best. Only our forward acts of fairness, kindness, sharing and generosity, in community, can help cure injustice. They're “For” “Giving”.

I urge deep reflection. If you've “worked hard and earned” success, consider what purpose your success serves in the pursuit of Justice. Many friends and neighbors are struggling, some for generations.

Truth rests in a tangible, substantial giving nature so those least likely to access success are GIVEN pathways, resources, and true opportunity.

Generosity is essential to the pursuit of Justice. It takes hard work to change the future recognizing mistakes and misdeeds of the past. Generosity must persevere into the future. It's not a transaction folks- Generosity is a character trait only present in action! Generosity requires we are for each other- that's what Community means, and how Justice will flourish. It's how we Breathe Life Into Community.

Katherine Saigeon is Executive Director Christian Foundation of America www.cfa.charity

It Takes a Community . . .



2020 has startled us.

Community in America is more than the **Circle** around our Zip Code. Community includes a slice of the entire human experience.

If your “Circle” doesn’t contain a full slice of humanity, find a new Circle, reach out and embrace them!

And so we hear- **DO SOMETHING!** This means us ... not “someone”.

Work for compassionate, fair and just community life. Dump outdated institutions, write to representatives, fix broken buildings, hug your neighbor; all good ideas, but they are not the LIFE that creates community. LIFE in community is much deeper, compelling us to really connect.

Summer 2020 will be known for Community pain flaring in startling images. We realize that Community in America cannot be defined by our zip code - that 5 mile radius from home. Community is a slice of the complete human experience, where our “common” interests form “unity” of purpose – our faith community, neighbors, interconnected businesses and livelihoods, schools and more. Suburbs benefit from the eco-system of urban/metro economic engines. Today’s virtual reach means we have no good excuses for insulating ourselves.

So- If your 5 mile Circle radius doesn’t include a full slice of humanity, find another Circle down the road, and adopt it! Reach out to listen, learn and love them.

CFA is grateful to Generis and Gloo for their partnership, community encouragement, and connection in developing stronger community initiatives. Thank you!

... To Grow Circles

Create a Circles Project today. Find another Circle, and connect for tangible works of generosity and caring. Christian Foundation of America can facilitate charitable gifts, and GLOO and GENERIS can team up to help.

THE CIRCLES PROJECT

If you would LOVE to learn how to find new Circles to be your community, BLINC has teamed up with GENERIS and GLOO to help faith-filled organizations of different zip codes find each other and join forces. Find folks eager to connect beyond Zip Codes for full community engagement and impact.

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Leve Nathaniel Ross V, is a resilient victor of chronic trauma.

He has survived difficult environments such as the foster care system, gang violence, and family brokenness which sought to discard him as another wayward statistic, **but God had other plans.**

After connecting with his father's side of the family several years ago and discerning great need, Leve purposed to break the generational pandemic and begin a loving prosperous generational pattern. Leve's humanity goals are to respect himself, love himself, and provide charity and care for other people. He acknowledges that his previous destructive environments influenced him to be someone he never intended to be.

Today Leve holds three college degrees, one of which comes from his recent 2016 graduation from the USC with an MFA in Acting. Upon graduation Leve has been fortunate enough to land a couple of Co-Star roles on Television. Leve desires to continue finding great coaches, mentors and communities that will assist in bringing out the "BEST" in him. Leve Ross also has other talents, which he plans to use to engage communities far and near to bring redemption, joy, and love.

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Today Leve serves as a HERO, speaking and advocating for Foster Youth.

An ambassador of Nehemiah Project, Leve came to Nehemiah Project LA as a former foster youth who has received ongoing support, and who is doing well. We first connected with Leve over four years ago. He had been in foster care and ended up in a troubled life, bouncing around from home to home and involved in gangs. Today, Leve is a graduate of USC's acting program, dedicated to his family, and is working using his craft." — Bishop Ed

THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT LA STORY

Over the past ten years, we have worked with young adults in our Whittier, California church. Several turned out to be foster youth who have aged out of care with no family support. Some were homeless and most in need of basic support. We began proactively connecting them with Christian love and their hearts began to soften and open to let us be family they never had.

This was the birth of Nehemiah Project LA.



Today, Nehemiah Project LA is a collaborative of churches, businesses, nonprofits, and individuals we call HEROS. Los Angeles has the largest foster youth population in the nation. The homeless crisis is growing annually, as thousands of foster youth leave the system with NOTHING, often being caught up in human trafficking, selling drugs, in prison or experience an early death. These young people are the Orphans the Bible speaks about, whom we should care for and Jesus called, the least of these.

NEHEMIAH'S HOST HOMES ARE DESIGNED TO BE THE PLACE OF CHOICE AMONG AGED OUT FOSTER YOUTH WE CALL "DREAM CHASERS".

WHY NEHEMIAH PROJECT LA?

Nehemiah Project LA creates a nurturing space where Aged Out Foster Youth can cultivate great human potential, being equipped, and inspired to accomplish their dreams. Nehemiah Host Homes are the heartbeat for such a space! The Nehemiah Host Homes Dream Maker Process mirrors the type of broad supportive and ongoing family and community support that many upwardly mobile families provide their children to help them succeed in life. Nehemiah is committed to providing the necessary but dedicated family and community support system for aged out foster youth as they mature into adulthood. Offering a consistent support system anchored in communities of faith, there is the hope of building trust, and a sense of family and community they never had before.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Financial support from foundations, businesses and individuals provide the opportunity for The Dream Chasers to have access to Nehemiah's Host Homes. The Host Home environment will not only aid in Dream Chasers being able to live independently, but to be a productive part of society and ultimately saving their lives.

THE PLAN

Over the next three years, we seek to establish seven Nehemiah Host Homes in Los Angeles county. These homes will be fully staffed with a live-in Resident Advisor and a Life Development support team that provides Coach Mentoring, job internships and placement, field trips to see career possibilities and a 5 year Life Plan the Dream Chasers will develop and be supported to accomplish, well after they leave the host home.

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Gabriel's House faces Covid-19

Last December, after entering Gabriel's House in Oxnard, California, a nonprofit home for homeless women and children, Kecia was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer after years of struggling with homelessness and addiction. A volunteer decorated a beautiful, private room for her, so that Kecia could rest and have privacy when she was feeling exhausted from chemo.

When Covid-19 hit hard in March, Kecia was in chemotherapy every week. The women of Gabriel's House knew they had to protect her, that she might



Kecia telling her story

not survive exposure to the virus. Together the residents agreed to lock down, to stop working, to stop going out, to save Kecia.

Kecia says "I just never really had family or friends who were really my friends. I was always running the streets (from the age of eight). I thought the streets were my family, and here, it's like a real family." She adds, "I can count on people, and that's something I never knew I could."

To learn more about Gabriel's House, go to www.gabriels-house.org/hope.



Gabriel's House



Gabriel's House residents singing praise songs

Kecia making snacks in Gabriel's House kitchen with Ashley



Kecia's room



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"Joshua 1:9 GO WITHOUT FEAR" **Ana Maria P**

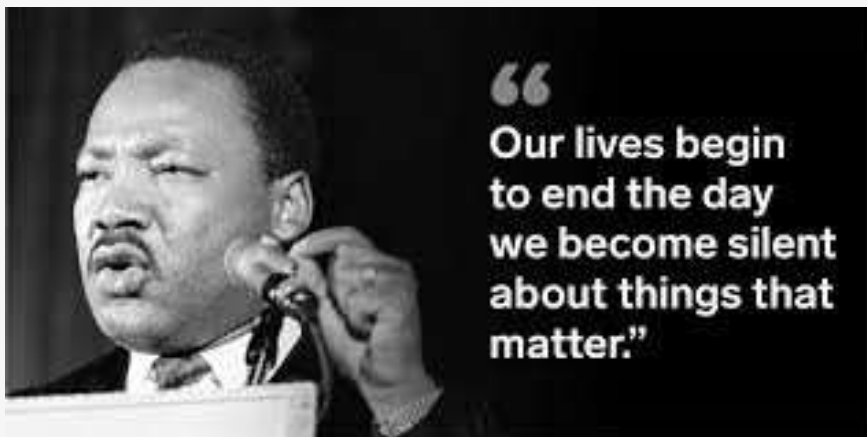
"New York is very scary right now" **Kevin M**

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"Oramos Por Paz para toda la Nacion
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"And by the way one God exists and he created all of us equally in His image and it has nothing to do with black white race Creed color or religion and remember God always brings Darkness to light he knows your every move before you make it remember he created you. " **Kenny S**

"Amen for Love" **Patricia P**

"Yesss, Amen we will not be silent ever again!" **Brenda J. W**

"Amen to that, all lives matter" **Lydia R**

"Jesus equals love Jesus is the key to everything on Earth and in heaven love each other like Jesus and when it comes to Jesus your actions speak louder than words" **Kenny S**

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"Amen AMEN AMEN" **Iva N**

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"Agree" **Pamela Elj**

"Beautiful" **Craig S**

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Even after all this time
The sun never says to the earth,
“You owe me.”
Look what happens with a love like that,
It lights the whole sky.

From The Gift by Hafiz

Version by D. Ladinsky





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