

Light

Lighting the Chalice

To face the world's coldness, a chalice of warmth.

To face the world's terrors, a chalice of courage.

To face the world's turmoil, a chalice of peace.

May its glow fill our spirits, our hearts, and our lives.

--unknown

Reading

Through violence you may murder a murderer, but you can't murder murder.

Through violence you may murder a liar, but you can't establish truth.

Through violence you may murder a hater, but you can't murder hate.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that....

Difficult and painful as it is, we must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future.

When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds of despair, and when our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember that there is a creative force in this universe, working to pull down the gigantic mountains of evil, a power that is able to make a way out of no way, and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows.

Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

Check in/Sharing Light, Lights, Lightness

Closing

Ring the bells that still can ring

Forget your perfect offering

There is a crack, a crack in everything

That's how the light gets in

--Leonard Cohen

I wish I could show you, when you are lonely or in darkness,
the astonishing light of your own being.

--Hafiz

Never fear shadows. They simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby.

--Ruth E. Renkel

In the beginning, there was nothing. Then God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. There was still nothing, but you could see it a whole lot better.

--Ellen Degeneres