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Lose hope. We are Images and Likenesses of the One Who created us. Because of this we are bestowed gifts without end. Mercy without end. Forgiveness without end.

Most of all Love without end.

When, He came as one of us, somewhere around two thousand years ago, his most beloved disciple concluded his written record of the events of His presence among us with this...

It is this disciple who testifies to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.

There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written.

Every time I read this, aside from the never ending chills it sends up my spine, it confirms my faith in our Creator with an absoluteness that cannot be defined in earthly terms. And with this faith brings a hope that springs eternal. Because of these I seek only to love, Him and everyone I meet, every single type of human being, all the time, in thought, deed and prayer. And yes, I am very very far from perfect at it, but I will never cease trying.

After all, the Master did make it very simple for us when He coalesced the entire *Law*, of which he said not even a period will be erased, into two simple rules.

Love me.

Love everyone else.

So, there is unequivocally no reason for hopelessness. Whether it is events of calamity, tragedy, mental or physical illness or any of the huge hosts of evil that seem to permeate everywhere, especially 'the news'. In our personal lives, in our communities, or in the greater world around us, He is there with us all the time, indeed every second.

For us.

And believe it or not He is there for those that don't believe! It does not matter whether they don't believe in Him or themselves...

He is there, always. This is indisputable.

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So what to do? Be the super heroine or hero you are. Since He is in all of us, calling oneself super may be the understatement of all time. This super-ness starts with love and kindness to every one of us we meet, to everyone in our family, to everyone in our community, to everyone on our planet. Many of us are blessed with gifts, all different. So we use these gifts to do what He wants. Even if we are not sure what our gift is. Even if we are not quite sure what He actually wants us to do with it. As Thomas Merton said...

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You.

And I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this You will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton from Thoughts in Solitude.

Because there is one thing all of us can always do endlessly and ceaselessly...

Pray.

For everyone, perhaps especially for those that do not believe and therefor drift endlessly. Pray for they to find the Rudder of Life, Who will give them the strength to steer straight with His help and find comfort in that they now know, the way Home!

Pray!

In all true humility.