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In Tribute
Words of
The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu
October 7, 1931 – December 26, 2021

“We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family.”

From Made for Goodness

“Ubuntu is very difficult to render into a Western language. It speaks of the very essence of being human. [We] say... ‘Hey, so-and-so has ubuntu.’ Then you are generous, you are hospitable, you are friendly and caring and compassionate. You share what you have. It is to say, ‘My humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in yours.’ We belong in a bundle of life. We say, ‘A person is a person through other persons. It is not, ‘I think

therefore I am.' It says rather: 'I am human because I belong. I participate, I share.'"

From *No Future Without Forgiveness*

"The heart of the Christian Gospel is precisely that God is the all holy One; the all powerful One is also the One full of mercy and compassion. He is not a neutral God inhabiting some inaccessible Mount Olympus. He is a God who cares about His children and cares enormously for the weak, the poor, the naked, the downtrodden, the despised. He takes their side not because they are good, since many of them are demonstrably not so. He takes their side because He is that kind of God, and they have no one else to champion them."

From *The Words of Desmond Tutu*, by Desmond Tutu, Naomi Tutu

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness. You see it wonderfully when you fly and the sky is overcast. Sometimes you forget that just beyond the clouds the sun is shining."

From "The Priest." Interview with Deborah Solomon, www.nytimes.com

"Dear Child of God, I write these words because we all experience sadness, we all come at times to despair, and we all lose hope that the suffering in our lives and in the world will ever end. I want to share with you my faith and my understanding that this suffering can be transformed and redeemed. There is no such thing as a totally hopeless case. Our God is an expert at dealing with chaos, with brokenness, with all the worst that we can imagine. God created order out of disorder, cosmos out of chaos, and God can do so always, can do so now – in our personal lives and in our lives as nations, globally.... Indeed, God is transforming the world now – through us – because God loves us."

From *God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time*

"Like humility, generosity comes from seeing that everything we have and everything we accomplish comes from God's grace and God's love for us... Certainly it is from experiencing this generosity of God and the generosity of those in our life that we learn gratitude and to be generous to others."

From *God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time*