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“Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where the people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free.”

14th Dalai Lama

“To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.”

Nelson Mandela

“Justice is indivisible. You can’t decide who gets civil rights and who doesn’t.”

Angela Davis

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"Because no matter who we are or where we come from, we're all entitled to the basic human rights of clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and healthy land to call home."

Martin Luther King Jr.

"True peace must be anchored in justice and an unwavering commitment to universal rights for all humans, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender, national origin or any other identity attribute."

Desmond Tutu

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“Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home – so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerned citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

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“The trees act not as individuals, but somehow as a collective. Exactly how they do this, we don’t yet know. But what we see is the power of unity. What happens to one happens to us all. We can starve together or feast together.”

Robin Wall Kimmerer