



Hope by Vaclav Havel

Hope is a state of mind, not a state of the world
Either we have hope within us or we don't.
Hope is not a prognostication—it's an orientation of the spirit.
You can't delegate that to anyone else.

Hope in this deep and powerful sense is not the same as joy
when things are going well,
or the willingness to invest in enterprises
that are obviously headed for early success,
but rather an ability to work for something to succeed.

Hope is definitely NOT the same as optimism.
It's not the conviction that something will turn out well,
but the certainty that something makes sense,
regardless of how it turns out.

It is hope, above all, that gives us strength to live
and to continually try new things,
even in conditions that seem as hopeless as ours do, here and
now.

In the face of this absurdity, life is too precious a thing
to permit its devaluation by living pointlessly, empty,
without meaning, without love, and, finally, without hope.

A Prayer for the Dispossessed

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In the name of All we each hold Holy,
In the name of All that Enobles the Heart,
In the name of The Heart ever filled with Compassion:

May all who are lost Be Found,
May all who lack shelter Find Safety,
May all who hunger Be Fed,
May all who struggle Be Comforted,
May all who thirst find their Thirst Quenched,
May all who have fallen be Lifted Up,
May all who fear Find Love,
May all who are trapped Be Freed,
May all who need find their Needs Met

This we ask in the Name of all we each hold Holy.
May it be so
May Miracles Abound
May Miracles Abound
May we Awaken to Realize
Miracles Abound.