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By the time you read this, I have no idea what will be happening in our world. We will probably be engaged in some kind of war that no one quite understands yet.

I am not a pacifist, though I believe in the power of peace. I am convinced that war is always tragic... and sometimes unavoidable. I hope and pray that whatever is done in the name of my country is done with a restraint that recognizes the common human condition and honors the constitutional principles of freedom for all of us.

Whatever happens in this war or any other, I know we will see more of death than we ever wanted to see. We will experience more human cruelty than we can stomach. We will encounter more tragedy than we can abide. Indeed, death, cruelty, and tragedy are part of life.

At the same time, we will see more of life than we ever dreamed we would see. We will experience more human kindness than we expected. We will encounter more grace than we can take in. We are given a universe of wonder and miracle.

I hope in the midst of whatever may come you find time to touch an infant's tiny fingers, to smell the earth, to be carried away by a tune, to marvel at a sunrise or night sky, and to hug a loved one tightly. Let us remember what is precious in our lives.