

## Wayside Pulpit 1

Nothing is so strong as gentleness;  
Nothing so gentle as real strength.  
—Francis de Sales

Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to error that counts  
—Nikki Giovanni

Goodness is the only investment that never fails.  
— Henry David Thoreau

Wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows.  
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is a story of hope, and we are characters in the story.  
—Robert R. Walsh

Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got.  
—Janis Joplin

There is always time for the important things.  
—Alan Lakein

May your life preach more loudly than your lips.  
—William Ellery Channing

There are some things that are so serious you have to laugh at them.  
—Neils Bohr

The master needs the slave far more than the slave needs the master.  
—Angela Davis

There's something contagious about demanding freedom.  
—Robin Morgan

All serious daring starts from within.  
—Eudora Wetly

When those who fish can't go to sea, they mend nets.  
—Book of Runes (adapted)

To try to may be to die, but not to care I never to be born.  
—William Redfield

Little strokes fell great oaks.  
—Benjamin Franklin

The healthy, strong individual is the one who asks for help when he/she needs it.  
—Rona Barrett (adapted)

Soft water wears away hard rock, if it persists.  
—Philip M. Larson, Jr.

I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just.  
—Thomas Jefferson

Children's liberation is the next item on our civil rights shopping list.  
—Letty Cottin Pogrebin

One of the attributes of love—is to bring harmony and order out of chaos.  
—Molly Haskell

Democracy—is a government by all the people for all the people.  
—Theodore Parker, 1854

You need somebody to love you while you're looking for someone to love.  
—Shelagh Delaney

## **Wayside Pulpit 2**

Lying is done with words, and also with silence.  
—Adrienne Rich

The world knew you before you knew the world.  
—Annie Dillard

Let this day's performance of the meanest duty be thy religion.  
—Margaret Fuller

I feel we are all islands—in a common sea.  
—Anne Morrow Lindberg

Loss makes artist of us all as we weave new patterns in the fabric of our lives.  
—Greta W. Crosby

The individual is not made for the state so much as the state for the individual.  
—William Ellery Channing

Thoughtfulness makes no sound.  
—John E. Wood

Being human explains everything, but excuses nothing.  
—Richard A. Perry

We are like plants that have the one choice of being in or out of the light.  
—Simone Weil

Memory is where the proof of life is stored.  
—Norman Cousins

Sin is the wreckage of the love which we are capable.  
—Henry Fairlie

Waiting is a window opening on many landscapes.  
—Howard Thurman

War is fought over land that does not care, and issues that are forgotten.  
—Robert F. Kaufmann

Life takes its color and quality not from the days, but from the dawns.  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are each of us responsible for the evil we might have prevented.  
—James Martineau

I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship.  
—Louisa May Alcott

What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?  
—Henry David Thoreau

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.  
—Julian of Norwich

What loneliness is more lonely than distrust?  
—George Eliot

A free race cannot be born with slave mothers.  
—Margaret Sanger

No lie can live forever.  
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Justice is love operating at a distance.  
—Joseph Sittler

We are better able to teach others after we have learned the lessons ourselves.  
—Cyril E. Brubaker

I defy the tyranny of precedent.  
—Clara Barton

The best prayers have often more groans than words.  
—John Bunyan

Blessed are those who dream, for some of their dreams will come true.  
—Harry Meserve

### **Wayside Pulpit 3**

Life must be lived undisguised.  
—Hannah Tillich

The past is a great darkness, and filled with echoes.  
—Margaret Atwood

They come to church to share God, not find God.  
—Alice Walker

What we know is less than what we are.  
—William I. Thompson

Any truth creates a scandal.  
—Marguerite Yourcenar

As we are, so we associate.  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Love is a form of work or a form of courage.  
—M. Scott Peck

I will act as if what I do makes a difference.  
—William James

A greater inducement to folly is excess of power.  
—Barbara Tuchman

Good is not a quality of life. It is life itself.  
—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Be careful how you live your life for it is the only Gospel others will read.  
—Helder Camara

To choose what is difficult all one's days as if it were easy that is faith.  
—W. H. Auden

Take time before time takes you.  
—Ralph Richmond

When I can no longer bear my loneliness I take it to my friends.  
—Mechtild of Magdeburg

Our lives are known by the dilemmas we keep.  
—Anthony F. Perrino

Most people have to talk so they won't hear.  
—May Sarton

The key that unlocks the door to the inner world is imagination.  
—Morton T. Kelsey

Letting pain be pain links us with others.  
—Matthew Fox

Is silence the answer? It never was.  
—Elie Wiesel

Perhaps we never appreciate the here and now until it is challenged.  
—Anne Morrow Lindberg

Knowledge is an island surrounded by a sea of mystery.  
—Chet Raymo

I have had to live from day to day, striving each day to do my best.  
—Jane Addams

Every hour I live I become an intenser devotee to common sense!  
—Alice James

I must depend on myself as the only constant friend.  
—Margaret Fuller

Laughter is the beginning of prayer.  
—Reinhold Niebuhr

Tact is after all a kind of mind reading.  
—Sarah Orne Jewett

## Wayside Pulpit 4

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.  
—Aesop

The tragedy of life is not death, but what dies inside us while we live.  
—Norman Cousins

Let us listen to our own prayers. It is we who will make them real.  
—Deng Ming Dao

Accomplishments have no color.  
—Leontyne Price

The strongest principle of growth lies in human choice.  
—George Eliot

We did not weave the web of life: We are merely a strand in it.  
—Chief Seattle

Each night a child is born is a holy night.  
—Sophia Lyon Fahs

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.  
—Marcel Proust

It is in our lives, and not from our words, that our religion must be read.  
—Thomas Jefferson

Prayer doesn't burn up any fossil fuel, it doesn't pollute.  
—Margaret Mead

What lies behind you and what lies before you are tiny matters compared to what lies within you.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

My country is the world, and my religion is to do good.

—Thomas Paine

Unto us our children are given as an encouragement to hope and strength.

—Kenneth L. Patton

If you want peace, work for justice.

—Pope Paul VI

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

—Proverbs 29:18

We could never learn to be brave and patient if there were only joy in the world.

—Helen Keller

No institution can be good which does not tend to improve the individual.

—Margaret Fuller

Let us accept truth, even when it surprises us and alters our views.

—George Sand

True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

No woman is required to build the world by destroying herself.

—Rabbi Soter

Truth, like surgery, may hurt, but it cures.

—Han Suyin

An achievement is simply a dream upon which we have labored.

—John A. Taylor

The race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep running.

—Unknown

What the earth is, we are.

—Walt Whitman

More progress is made by attacking problems than by attacking people.

—Harry Scholefield

The worth of an individual is not related to the color of his or her skin.  
—Whitney Moore Young, Jr.

## Wayside Pulpit 5

War does not determine who is right—only who is left.  
—Anonymous

The real measure of your wealth is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your money.  
—Anonymous

We grow neither better nor worse as we get old, but more like ourselves.  
—May Lamberton Becker

Give us a child's faith, that we may be cured of our cynicism.  
—Sara Moores Campbell

Prayer does not change things; prayer changes people, and people changes things.  
—Lon Ray Call

Nothing is more dangerous than an idea, when you have only one idea.  
—Emile-Auguste Chartier

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.  
—Winston Churchill

Never does hatred cease by hating in return.  
—Dhammapada

Religion is something you do, not something you wait for.  
—Charles G. Finney

An eye for an eye only ends by making the whole world blind.  
—Mohandas K. Gandhi

Prejudice is the child of ignorance.  
—William Hazlitt

If we cannot agree, let us at any rate agree to differ, but let us part as friends.  
—Mohammad Ali Jinnah

To be blind is bad, but worse to have eyes and not to see.  
—Helen Keller



We must learn to live together—or perish together as fools.  
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart.  
—Lao Tse

Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?  
—Luke 12:25

Many candles can be kindled from one candle without diminishing it.  
—Midrash

True religion is the life we lead, not the creed we profess.  
—Louis Nizer

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another.  
—Albert Schweitzer

To worship the wise is much easier than to profit by their wisdom.  
—Clinton Lee Scott

Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged.  
—Rabindranath Tagore

It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing.  
—Mother Teresa

Why should we live in such a hurry and waste of life?  
—Henry David Thoreau

If it is language that makes us human, one half of language is to listen.  
—Jacob Trapp

Everything in nature is resurrection.  
—Voltaire

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.  
—William Butler Yeats

## **Wayside Pulpit 6**

The freedom of the mind is the beginning of all other freedoms.  
—Clinton Lee Scott

May your life preach more loudly than your lips.  
—William Ellery Channing

To be religious is not to feel, but to be.  
—Reinhold Niebuhr

If you cannot find it in yourself, where will you go for it?  
—Chinese proverb

Unanswered questions are far less dangerous than unquestioned answers.  
—Source unknown

You need not think alike to love alike.  
—Francis David

An idea is a curious thing. It will not work unless you do.  
—Jaeger's Facts

There's more to life than increasing its speed.  
—Mahatma Gandhi

I make the most of all that comes, and the least of all that goes.  
—Sarah Teasdale

The strictest justice is sometimes the greatest injustice.  
—Terence

To lead the people, walk behind them.  
—Lao Tzu

To become a father is not hard. To be a father is.  
—Wilhelm Busch

To dream of the person you would like to be is to waste the person you are.  
—Anon

Your children need your presence more than your presents.  
—Jesse Jackson

A closed mind is like a closed book, just a block of wood.  
—Chinese proverb

Growth itself contains the germ of happiness.  
—Pearl S. Buck

Never lose a holy curiosity.  
—Albert Einstein

Church is a place where you get to practice what it means to be human.  
—James Luther Adams

## Wayside Pulpit 7

It is never too late to be what you might have been.  
—George Eliot

The aging aren't only the old; the aging are all of us.  
—Alexandra Robbin

And how are the children?  
—Masai warrior greeting

If you understood everything I said, you'd be me.  
—Miles Davis

No question is ever answered until it is settled right.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

God means movement, and not explanation.  
—Elie Wiesel

I was thinking of the greatness of what was human, and found myself in the divine.  
—Juan Ramon Jimenez

You don't have anything if you don't have the stories.  
—Leslie Marmon Silko

Without justice, courage is weak.  
—Benjamin Franklin

Each snowflake in an avalanche pleads not guilty.  
—Stanislaw J. Lee

How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.  
—Annie Dillard

Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season.  
—W.E.B. DuBois