

To love as I love is to receive life and light and love, and to give out to others as I lead you. It begins as you trust me in the simplicity of a child. When you know my constant love for you, you can rest in me. Remember the supreme sacrifice I made for you on a bloodstained cross, and you will know I can never leave you . . . never forsake you. My sacrifice — this was the only way your blinded souls could ever perceive my love.

Such wondrous love is foreign to mankind. Because it is beyond human behavior, it is considered almost bizarre. Human pride will not accept such an outpouring of love from another. Most people cannot believe it is offered freely. They would prefer to earn it, or repay it with their own efforts — a thin veil over their hidden pride.

Nothing you can do, nothing you can offer, will buy my love. . . . I love you!

And my supreme desire is to bestow love upon you. Share in my love as you share in my life. Receive my love as you receive me. The joyful capacity to give my love, no matter what is said or done to you, comes as you live in my presence . . . by my Spirit. My power energizes you to live in my love, and to live out my love to others. Think on these things.

My love is the dynamic that undergirds everything noble in your world. It proceeds from my grace, my goodness, my generosity to all men and women . . . to all other living organisms in the universe. My love flows to your own precious children, the fawn in the woods, the calf in the field, the fledgling in its nest. I care for each one, and I sustain

each one. Because I am, you live and grow within my love.

If I were to withdraw myself — my Spirit and power— the earth would disintegrate. You can glimpse this fact in the lives of those who deliberately — in arrogance, pride and folly — shut me out of their souls. Their end is utter ruin and dreadful despair. They go out into darkness and ultimate death — and they do so because they choose to deny themselves my love, and prefer to degenerate until their souls are destroyed.

Do you understand that I do not condemn any person? That each one chooses this awful self-annihilation? By their own willful choice, they condemn themselves. In spite of such deliberate folly — and the world is filled with it — I come to everyone in my love. I call out to all in my compassion.

I invite you to come to me and find new life.

Understand that my gracious spirit, filled with love and grace, will not always strive with men and women. The day is rapidly approaching when the world's cup of iniquity and violence will be filled. Mankind will have chosen to satiate its soul in the dark wine of willful rebellion and outright rejection of my love for you. Then will come sudden destruction and utter ruin.

But this will not be so for you. There is still hope for all who will turn to me and live in my love.

Will you call others to live in my love? Will you lead others into a life of love? The world is crying out for the love we can show them together.

My love pulverizes prejudice and builds enduring loyalty.

My love moves hearts to be generous, to serve and benefit others.

My love stirs hearts to pour out for the poor, the lonely, the sick.

My love sets hearts free from fear, anger, anxiety.

My love sets hearts free from the feverish drive to own and possess things that can never give life.

In Me, in my love, in my life, you find abundant life, refreshing you with rest, permeated with profound peace, jubilant with joy. A great adventure. I love you, my child!

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I AM LOVE

I could have told you about love. I chose to show you my love, so that you could see and hear and touch love — I came to you in the flesh. My love begins when one life is laid down for another. Even so, many despise and reject me — for *selfishness* resents *selflessness*.

When I say I am Love, I mean I am the love of God made known to all men. This love is always expressed, every day, in my life poured out for you, and you experience it when you gladly lay down your life for others.

In my love, I am utterly selfless, self-sacrificing, self-giving.