



Taking Action at Your House Party

A Great Starting List of Actions
to Take at Your House Party

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The First Task: Facing the Dragon

ACTIONS FOR DARFUR

Educating Yourself and Those Around You

There are many websites that will provide you with more detail on this. We suggest starting off by going to one or more of these here: <http://standnow.org/learn/conflicts/darfur> ; www.savedarfur.org ; www.dreamfordarfur.org ; email education@standnow.org

Olympic Corporate Sponsors

The Olympic corporate sponsors have refused to state publicly or privately that China is wrong for funding the genocide in Darfur. JK Rowling said in a speech at Harvard that "those who choose not to empathise may enable real monsters. For without ever committing an act of outright evil ourselves, we collude with it, through our own apathy." Let's put some pressure on these corporate sponsors to take Dumbledore's advice and do what is right over what is easy.

This link provides multiple ways that you can take action in pressuring the Olympics corporate sponsors: <http://standnow.org/campaigns/olympicCorporateSponsors>

You can also take the pledge not to watch the commercials during the Olympics and to Switch Over to Darfur: www.switchvertodarfur.org/hpa

Join the Rapid Response Team

We need rapid response to issues that are happening in places like Darfur. Ask everyone at your house party to click "install" at <http://standnow.org/act/rapid>

Film Screenings

At your House Party, consider screening a movie from this list: <http://standnow.org/learn/library/films> and click on Darfur (or you could consider screening a film in the future). That being said, films like "Hotel Rwanda" can be an amazing motivator to become more engaged. Please consider screening a film and afterwards, please do something creative or discuss or cry and talk about your feelings and take some kind of action.

Books

The HP Alliance was mentioned in "Not On Our Watch: The Mission To End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond" by John Prendergast and Don Cheadle on page 192. For other books on the genocide in Darfur, check out a book from this list: <http://standnow.org/learn/library/books> and click on "Darfur."

ACTIONS FOR BURMA

Educate Yourself and Those Around You

This may seem like a small step, but knowledge brings about change. Take a look at the power point presentation here: <http://uscampaignforburma.org/slideshow/reallyfinal/slide1.htm> - but get the word out! Make a YouTube video if you know how, sign up for the email list at uscampaignforburma.org (even if you don't live in the US!) and watch the US Campaign for Burma's amazing videos.

And read more on Aung San Su Kyi and the pro-democracy movement in Burma. If ever there was a real life Harry Potter and a real world Order of the Phoenix, it's happening around Aung San Su Kyi.

Email Thelma@uscampaignforburma.org to let her know that you want to do more! If you're in university, you can let her know that you're interested in learning more about how to get your university to pass a selective purchasing Burma resolution

You can find out more information about the situation in Burma at: www.uscampaignforburma.org ; www.freeburmarangers.org

Sign This Important Petition to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon

http://www.democracyinaction.org/dia/organizationsORG/uscampaignforburma/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=5521

Sign Up to do a Screening of What's Happening in Burma by Going Here:

http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/1189/t/3074/event/distributedEventSignup.jsp?distributed_event_KEY=345 and filling out the form.

ACTIONS FOR TIBET

Educate Yourself and Those Around You

The occupation of Tibet has been going on for almost sixty years. To learn more, please check out some of these sites: www.studentsforafreetibet.org ; www.freetibet.org ; www.tibet.com

Join Team Tibet

For now we would recommend you joining "Team Tibet" right here; <http://freetibet2008.org/action/join-team-tibet/>. You also may want to consider signing up with Students for a Free Tibet as a chapter or individual member. Also if you're not an HP Alliance chapter yet, please consider becoming one, as we will continue to work with Students for a Free Tibet!

Make a YouTube Video

Think about making a YouTube video about your support for a Free Tibet. It's a great chance to educate yourself and your guests on the very rich Tibetan Buddhist culture!

More Actions

There are tons of ideas listed here, including handouts to help educate yourself and your guests: <http://studentsforafreetibet.org/section.php?id=68>

The Second Task: Diving Into the Lake

ACTIONS FOR DARFUR:

Raise Funds for Civilian Protection

Recently, the news on Darfur has pointed toward the civilians being the most in need of assistance. Terrible atrocities are happening to the displaced citizens of Darfur, but you can help!

If you go to <http://thehpalliance.org/civilianprotection>, every three dollars that you give will fund the protection of one Darfuri woman from being raped for an entire year. At your House Party, if people gave nine dollars, that's enough funding to protect three people! This is a case where even a little bit goes a very long way!

You may recognize this action from our event last December called Darfur Fast. This goes to the same exact fund, but since the civilians of Darfur are still in great need of help, we want to encourage more fund raising for this fund. So please keep giving to it! Three dollars protects one mother, who like Lily Potter, is putting themselves at risk for their children.

Watch The Darfur Olympics

From August 8 to the 15 there will be a daily broadcast hosted by Mia Farrow from a Darfurian refugee camp. If your House Party is after August 15, you can still watch the videos of Mia Farrow at these camps at: <http://dreamfordarfur.org>

Also you can check out at <http://dreamfordarfur.org> the Alternative Opening Ceremonies that will take place on August 8 (even if it's after August 8) with some amazing musicians playing music dedicated to Darfur.

ACTIONS FOR BURMA

Raise Funds for Burma

There are ways of actually getting aid and hope to the Burmese people and the HPA consulted with the US Campaign for Burma to find out how.

Here are some amazing places that need financial support of whatever small donation you can give. Keep in mind, you don't need to give today! You can give at another time and start thinking of ways to raise money for these places:

- **The Free Burma Rangers** (<http://www.freeburmarangers.org/>) bring "help, hope and love to people in the war zones of Burma. Ethnic pro-democracy groups send teams to be trained, supplied and sent into the areas under attack to provide emergency assistance and human rights documentation. Together with other groups, the teams work to serve people in need." They are accepting donations right here at: http://www.freeburmarangers.org/About_Us/Support/

- **The Mao Tao Clinic** (<http://www.maetaoclinic.org/>) provides free health care for refugees, migrant workers, and other individuals who cross the border from Burma to Thailand. People of all ethnicities and religions are welcome at the Clinic. Its origins go back to the student pro-democracy movement in Burma in 1988 and the brutal repression by the Burmese regime of that movement. You can give to the clinic by clicking here: <http://www.maetaoclinic.org/donate.html> - please keep in mind that the money you give will go toward teaching children, giving them shelter, and allowing them to be safe!
- **The Karen Back Pack Health Worker Team** is also an amazing organization which you can read about here: <http://www.geocities.com/maesothtml/bphwt/>

ACTIONS FOR TIBET

Raise Funds for the Tibet Trust

The Tibetan House Trust <http://www.tibet.com/Trust/trust.html> is the official Tibetan Charity, inaugurated by His Holiness the Dalai Lama in September 1994. Its purpose is to preserve the Tibetan culture and identity, and to rehabilitate Tibetan refugees. The Tibetan Refugee community is doing its utmost to become self-reliant but the assistance of the international community is needed to support this effort.

Please make any donations out to the Tibet House Trust and send to:

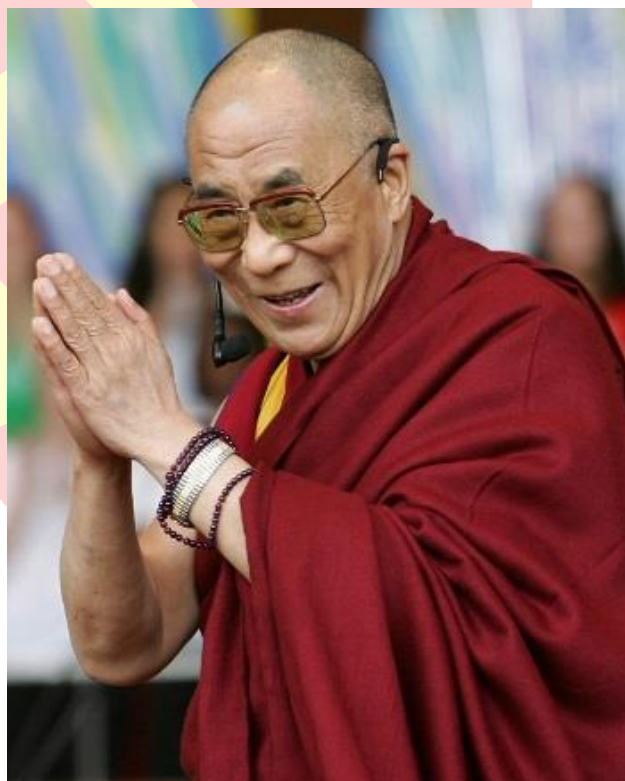
TIBET HOUSE TRUST
TIBET HOUSE
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Any questions can be directed to:

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The Dalai Lama
photo by David Yeagley

The Third Task: Navigating the Maze

It's very important for each of us to navigate the maze of emotions and thoughts that are going on within us as we work for change in the world! These activities are suggestions to help ground you and the others at your house party so that you may allow your activism to open your heart, rather than let become closed. And remember: there is no Chosen One. We are all healing the world with our love together!

Learn More About the Cultures of the Different Locations

For more about the religious ideas of Tibet with a Western spin, please check: <http://www.dharma-haven.org/tibetan/meditation.htm> ; Also look into the webcasts and teachings of the Dalai Lama, a true Dumbledore for the real world: www.dalailama.com

To learn about customs, the language, and other cultural aspects of Sudan, please check: <http://www.sudan.net/society.shtml> ; You can also see this site with a lot of details you can sift through: <http://www.everyculture.com/Sa-Th/Sudan.html>

To learn more about the culture of Burma, please check: http://www.seasite.niu.edu/Burmese/Culture/burmese_cultural_topics.htm ; For an informational (providing suggestions), yet tongue-in-cheek site: http://www.ehow.com/how_7767_appreciate-burmas-culture.html

Have Harry Potter Pride

Be proud to be a Harry Potter fan! Just think about it... while people do indeed suffer, the most popular book across the world (and by sheer number the most popular work of fiction in human history) – a book that has changed the lives of millions, has inspired the making of fiction, art, music, and activism – is a book about the power of love. Not only can this give us hope that this message is being heard – it can give us hope that part of Harry Potter's popularity comes from the fact that people *want* to hear this message of love and friendship and the human rights values that former Amnesty International employee JK Rowling infused into them. We are hungry for this message. There is a dire need for this. A dire need from people of almost every economic and racial stripe across the world – not to mention that on the top of the list of book requests from detainees in Guantanamo Bay is *Harry Potter*. Harry Potter gave the Wizarding World hope for a better tomorrow, but he has given our world hope for a better tomorrow as well.

Write a Letter to Yourself

Write a letter to yourself from either a fictional character or a real person that cares about you. Write about how much they admire you for caring about the world and any other reasons that come to mind. They tell you that you are wonderful for caring and that while so many have closed their hearts, you have opened yours! And they thank you because it gives them a new sense of hope. And they make very clear to you that they want you to know that while what you're doing is wonderful, it's not your job to be the ultimate fixer of each problem.

Acknowledge the People You Admire

Write out a list of fifteen people in your life, people in history, and people in literature/movies/songs that you admire. These could be people you look to for learning or see as role models. They can be very different people! Identify some characteristics about each of them that you like. Take a look at the pattern of what they have in common (and what they don't) and think on how you can learn to adopt their strengths. If the people at your house party are comfortable with it, you can take some time to share your findings about the people you admire.

Talk About Books

Talk with the other people in your House Party about books that have inspired you to care about other people. And to care about the world. How were you inspired? What about them inspired you? What ideas did it give you? You can of course talk about *Harry Potter*, but you can talk about anything. You can give people a little time to think about their answers and then go around in a circle where everyone has a turn, or even just popcorn around.

Use Music to Your Advantage

Play Music that inspires you to feel a sense of unity with the whole world. (Examples: "Imagine" by John Lennon, "The Weapon" by Harry and the Potters, "One Love" by Bob Marley) For more ideas, check out the list we've made so far on the forums! Feel free to add to it, too:

<http://server1.ripplehost.com/~hpallian/forum/index.php?showtopic=780>

And don't be afraid to dance! ☺

Write a Song Together

Consider writing a song for a better world. Even if some or all of you are not musicians...you can try it!

Make Art

Draw and color the feelings you have of hope for the healing of our world, the sorrow, fear and anger you may feel about suffering, and the joy you may feel at all the wonderful people and things that exist in our world.

Writing and Acting

Feel free to write poems about how you feel about the world and your dreams for one world. Write monologues from the perspective of activists who have been working for years and trying to balance out work and family to make the world better And always, when writing a monologue, try and be sensitive and compassionate.

Appreciate Silence

At your house party, take a few moments of silence to acknowledge those who are suffering in this world. Remember that we cannot fix their pain, but we can be with it.

While being silent you may want to get in a circle and close your eyes. While in the circle...imagine your heart sending light and love to those suffering in Darfur, Burma, Tibet, and China. You can even end your time of silence by singing a song together.



"Dumbledore and his brother Aberforth rock out - So can you!"

photo by Dinah Russell

Serenity Prayer

Take a page from “The Serenity Prayer” and remind either your Higher Power or something within yourself to be granted the serenity to accept the things you cannot change, courage to change the things you can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

To learn what “The Serenity Prayer” is and more about it, please check out:

<http://www.allaboutprayer.org/serenity-prayer.htm> We are not promoting one religion over another, but feel like this is beneficial to us as individuals.

Love Well

Buddhist teacher Jack Kornfield says “If you have the privilege of being with a person who is aware at the time of his or her death, you find the questions such a person asks are very simple: ‘Did I love well?’ ‘Did I live fully....’” Ask yourselves these questions. So far in your life, have you loved well? Take some time to think on a moment where you showed love to someone else. It could have been as simple as opening a door. Often people have a very hard time with this: remembering something good they’ve done. Please be easy on yourselves. And start to imagine yourself loving well.

Create a Prayer for the World

Take something that’s already in your house and make something out of it. And make that something, either something that can be used to spread awareness to others, or simply a gift for humanity. Make a craft basically that’s really a prayer for peace and healing in our world.

Meditation on Loving Kindness

Perhaps while breathing deeply, say the following inwardly or out loud as a group:

May I be filled with loving kindness.

May I be well.

May I be peaceful and at ease.

May I be happy.

Say it once. Or say it over and over again for several minutes – even if that feels ridiculous and you laugh. Try it!

Make Your Own Wand

Make a wand for yourself where you send spells out into the world. Send out a spell for healing. Perhaps a Patronus to protect the world from the Dementors that plague us!!!

For suggested directions, check out our post from Day 4 of the 11 Days:

<http://www.thepalliance.org/?p=142>

Light a Candle

Light a candle to express the precious light that is in you. Remember that there is a light within you and that in each day, each moment, each breath – you are allowing your light to shine.

Plan Other House Parties

Plan another house party. Will the tone be different than this one? Can it be a fund raiser? Can you bring more people?

Practice Positive Affirmations

We often tell ourselves many negative affirmations without even realizing it. We think we aren't good enough. We remind ourselves of our negative aspects. We concentrate on what went wrong. We need to have more positive affirmations in our lives!

You can write your own positive affirmations. They don't need to be poetic. They can simply state, "I am creative." "I am beautiful." Often in affirmations, you talk about the thing that you want as if it were already there. In fact, most likely it is already there and by saying that it is, you get to see what you not have seen before. Write your favorites in a journal or repeat them to yourself. Here are some from author Julia Cameron in her book *Heart Steps*.

"My heart is a vessel for tenderness. A balm in difficulty."

"I am compassionate toward myself about my own vulnerability. I am tender toward myself in all difficult and challenging times. I accept that I have human limits and human emotions, which I honor and attend to. I allow the Universe (or something else that you're comfortable with) to comfort me as I open my eyes and heart to difficult realities."

"Love is the greatest medicine. I ask to be healing medicine for others. I ask my heart to expand its boundaries and to love others as they wish to be loved. I ask my heart to expand its boundaries and open to my being loved as I wish to be loved."

"My time is expansive and flexible. I have enough time, more than enough time, to accomplish my dreams and my goals. I use my time wisely. I understand the fluidity of time. I pace myself with ease, claiming my right to determine my own tempo and rhythm, velocity and trajectory through life. Time does not rule me. Time does not dominate me. I work with time as a flexible tool. I relish my use of time."

"I accept the guidance which comes to me in subtle forms. I surrender the arrogance of my intellect and embrace its alert intelligence instead. I allow my mind to listen to my heart. I allow my heart to have a voice in my life choices. I embrace both mind and heart, knowing that in partnership they guide me well. There is no circumstance in which I am abandoned. There is no place in which I cannot be found. As I listen to my heart and then my mind, I find that the Universe does speak to me with gentle clarity. A path does emerge on which I walk with safety."

"I allow myself to be fully human. I treat myself with loving kindness. I honor and recognize my essential goodness. I honor and recognize my ability to love, to communicate, to share, and to give. I do not have to do any of these things perfectly There is beauty in the abilities I do have."

“Please Hear What I’m Not Saying”

Try reading this poem out loud...get into a circle and pass it around letting as many as possible read every few lines. Afterwards discuss how it makes you feel about not only yourselves but about all of us. **WARNING:** This poem is great and reminds us to be vulnerable. But keep in mind to only let out that kind vulnerability in an environment that is very safe. In many cases with just one or two friends or to a professional. Keep in mind that the only ones that Harry confided in about horcruxes were Ron and Hermione.

Please Hear What I'm Not Saying

Don't be fooled by me.
Don't be fooled by the face I wear
For I wear a mask, a thousand masks,
Masks that I'm afraid to take off
And none of them is me.

Pretending is an art that's second nature with me,
but don't be fooled,
for God's sake don't be fooled.
I give you the impression that I'm secure,
that all is sunny and unruffled with me,
within as well as without,
that confidence is my name and coolness my
game,
that the water's calm and I'm in command
and that I need no one,
but don't believe me.

My surface may be smooth but
my surface is my mask,
ever-varying and ever-concealing.
Beneath lies no complacency.
Beneath lies confusion, and fear, and aloneness.
But I hide this. I don't want anybody to know it.
I panic at the thought of my weakness exposed.
That's why I frantically create a mask to hide
behind,
a nonchalant sophisticated facade,
to help me pretend,
to shield me from the glance that knows.

But such a glance is precisely my salvation,

my only hope, and I know it.
That is, if it is followed by acceptance,
If it is followed by love.
It's the only thing that can liberate me from
myself
from my own self-built prison walls
from the barriers that I so painstakingly erect.
It's the only thing that will assure me
of what I can't assure myself,
that I'm really worth something.
But I don't tell you this. I don't dare to. I'm afraid
to.

I'm afraid you'll think less of me,
that you'll laugh, and your laugh would kill me.
I'm afraid that deep-down I'm nothing
and that you will see this and reject me.

So I play my game, my desperate, pretending
game
With a façade of assurance without
And a trembling child within.
So begins the glittering but empty parade of
Masks,
And my life becomes a front.
I tell you everything that's really nothing,
and nothing of what's everything,
of what's crying within me.
So when I'm going through my routine
do not be fooled by what I'm saying.
Please listen carefully and try to hear what I'm not
saying,

what I'd like to be able to say,
 what for survival I need to say,
 but what I can't say.

I don't like hiding.
 I don't like playing superficial phony games.
 Only you can wipe away from my eyes
 the blank stare of the breathing dead.
 Only you can call me into aliveness.
 Each time you're kind, and gentle, and
 encouraging,
 each time you try to understand because you really
 care,
 my heart begins to grow wings --
 very small wings,
 but wings!

With your power to touch me into feeling
 you can breathe life into me.
 I want you to know that.
 I want you to know how important you are to me,
 how you can be a creator--
 an honest-to-God creator --
 of the person that is me
 if you choose to.
 You alone can break down the wall behind which
 I tremble,
 you alone can remove my mask,
 you alone can release me from the shadow-world
 of panic,
 from my lonely prison,

I want to stop playing them.
 I want to be genuine and spontaneous and me
 but you've got to help me.
 You've got to hold out your hand
 even when that's the last thing I seem to want.

if you choose to.
 Please choose to.

Do not pass me by.
 It will not be easy for you.
 A long conviction of worthlessness builds strong
 walls.
 The nearer you approach me
 the blinder I may strike back.
 It's irrational, but despite what the books may say
 about man
 often I am irrational.
 I fight against the very thing I cry out for.
 But I am told that love is stronger than strong
 walls
 and in this lies my hope.
 Please try to beat down those walls
 with firm hands but with gentle hands
 for a child is very sensitive.

Who am I, you may wonder?
 I am someone you know very well.
 For I am every man you meet
 and I am every woman you meet.

"WE ARE STRONG AS WE ARE UNITED AND AS WEAK AS WE ARE DIVIDED."

~Albus Dumbledore



Inspirational Quotes

Every other quote either comes from JK Rowling, Harry Potter, or Harry and the Potters. Each quote either speaks to the idea of world unity, of the struggle for authentic peace and justice, and of the wondrous potential that we all carry within ourselves.

You can use these quotes at your House Party in many ways. One option is to find your favorites, print or write them out (one or two per page) and hang them around your house for the party. Or you can read some aloud together, and after or during the reading, do some kind of creative exercise of drawing your vision of the interconnectedness between each of us across this world, across history, and all the way into the future.

This is only a sample of inspiring quotes. You can also find your own. Look for quotes that resonate with you – that “speak” to you in some way. Or, you can also create your own inspiring quotes!

“Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open.”

Albus Dumbledore

“Today, more than ever before, life must be characterized by a sense of Universal responsibility, not only nation to nation and human to human, but also human to other forms of life.”

The Dalai Lama

“Unlike any other creature on this planet, humans can learn and understand, without having experienced. They can think themselves into other people’s minds, imagine themselves into other people’s places.”

JK Rowling

“With realization of one's own potential and self-confidence in one's ability, one can build a better world.”

The Dalai Lama

“‘Every guest in this Hall,’ said Dumbledore, and his eyes lingered upon the Durmstrang students, ‘will be welcomed back here at any time, should they wish to come. I say to you all, once again—in the light of Lord Voldemort’s return, we are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided. Lord Voldemort’s gift for spreading discord and enmity is very great. We can fight it only by showing an equally strong bond of friendship and trust.’”

Albus Dumbledore

“All major religious traditions carry basically the same message - that is love, compassion and forgiveness. The important thing is they should be part of our daily lives.”

The Dalai Lama

“...but nobody was sitting according to House anymore: All were jumbled together, teachers and pupils, ghosts and parents, centaurs and house elves, and Firenze lay recovering in a corner, and Grawp peered in through a smashed window, and people were throwing food into his laughing mouth.”

JK Rowling

“Human beings the world over need freedom and security that they may be able to realize their full potential.”

Aung San Suu Kyi

“One of the many things I learned at the end of that Classics corridor down which I ventured at the age of 18, in search of something I could not then define, was this, written by the Greek author Plutarch: What we achieve inwardly will change outer reality. That is an astonishing statement and yet proven a thousand times every day of our lives. It expresses, in part, our inescapable connection with the outside world, the fact that we touch other people’s lives simply by existing.”

JK Rowling

“The only real prison is fear, and the only real freedom is freedom from fear.”

Aung San Suu Kyi

“Remember Cedric. Remember, if the time should come when you have to make a choice between what is right and what is easy, remember what happened to a boy who was good, and kind, and brave, because he strayed across the path of Lord Voldemort. Remember Cedric Diggory.”

Albus Dumbledore, GoF p. 724

“Please use your liberty to promote ours.”

Aung San Suu Kyi

“If you choose to use your status and influence to raise your voice on behalf of those who have no voice; if you choose to identify not only with the powerful, but with the powerless; if you retain the ability to imagine yourself into the lives of those who do not have your advantages, then it will not only be your proud families who celebrate your existence, but thousands and millions of people whose reality you have helped transform for the better. We do not need magic to change the world - we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better.”

JK Rowling

“You’ve made this day a special day just by being you. You are the only person like you in this whole world. And people can like you just because you’re you.”

Mister Rogers

“And there’s one thing that I’ve got, one thing that you’ve got inside you, too. One thing that we’ve got: And the one thing we’ve got is enough, to save us all! The weapon we have is love!!!”

Harry and the Potters, “The Weapon”

“Wouldn't you say that unity comes first? Out of unity comes security. I don't think you can impose security from on top. Just look at Yugoslavia. For years it seemed as if everything was quiescent, but this was not the kind of security you would like--something that was imposed on the people and not something that had arisen from trust and understanding between them. So I think we want to put unity first. Out of real unity--which can only be based on understanding and mutual respect--will come the kind of security that we really want and the people really want.”

Aung San Suu Kyi

“Of course not, Harry! Don’t you see? Voldemort himself created his worst enemy, just as tyrants everywhere do! Have you any idea how much tyrants fear the people they oppress? All of them realize that, one day, amongst their many victims, there is sure to be one who rises against them and strikes back! Voldemort is no different!”

Albus Dumbledore

“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”

The Dalai Lama

“Call him Voldemort, Harry. Always use the proper name for things. Fear of a name increases fear of the thing itself.”

Albus Dumbledore, SS p. 298

“I think this is the case in the great majority of authoritarian states: on the surface, because of repression, everything seems frozen, but when the sun comes out and the ice melts, you find that there was a lot of life underneath all along.”

Anung San Suu Kyi

“Voldemort can’t stop the rock!”

Harry and the Potters, “Voldemort Can’t Stop the Rock”

“Internal peace is an essential first step to achieving peace in the world. How do you cultivate it? It’s very simple. In the first place by realizing clearly that all mankind is one, that human beings in every country are members of one and the same family.”

The Dalai Lama

“You can take my blood. But we still have our guts!”

Harry and the Potters, “Flesh, Blood, and Bone”

“Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions.”

The Dalai Lama

“...where I went with Dumbledore and what we did is my business. He didn’t want people to know. ‘Such loyalty is admirable, of course,’ said Scrimgeour, who seemed to be restraining his irritation with difficulty, ‘but Dumbledore is gone, Harry. He’s gone.’ ‘He will only be gone from the school when none here are loyal to him,’ said Harry, smiling in spite of himself.”

JK Rowling, HBP p. 648-649

“I find hope in the darkest of days, and focus in the brightest. I do not judge the universe.”

The Dalai Lama

“Dumbledore, we’ll fight for you tonight. Dumbledore we’ll fight for you tonight! In our hearts, you’ll never, ever die! Your love is keeping us alive!”

Harry and the Potters, “Dumbledore”

“If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.”

The Dalai Lama

“Put your wand in your hand. Put love in your heart. Get your friends by your side, and tear evil apart!”
Harry and the Potters, “Phoenix Song”

“When I despair, I remember that all through history the ways of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall. Think of it – always.”
Mahatma Gandhi

“These are times, when we must fight together side by side: to stop the rise of evil in our times. And it won’t be over ‘til it’s over, No! It’s we who will decide. When to stop the fight and get on with our lives.”
Harry and the Potters, “Phoenix Song”

“We will prevail because our cause is right, because our cause is just. ...History is on our side. Time is on our side.”
Aung San Suu Kyi

“The Potter books in general are a prolonged argument for tolerance, a prolonged plea for an end to bigotry, and I think it's one of the reasons that some people don't like the books, but I think that's it's a very healthy message to pass on to younger people that you should question authority and you should not assume that the establishment or the press tells you all of the truth.”
JK Rowling

“In the practice of tolerance, one's enemy is the best teacher.”
The Dalai Lama

“Indestructible is the intangible, inside of us, inside of you... forever we are friends!”
Harry and the Potters, “Phoenix Song”

“It is very important to generate a good attitude, a good heart, as much as possible. From this, happiness in both the short term and the long term for both yourself and others will come.”
The Dalai Lama

“Now we’re in command, we’re taking a stand. We’re gonna learn this year. We’re gonna get ready, we’ve got to prepare to face our biggest fears! We’re gonna learn to battle, to fight. We’ll stand up for what is right. And when we face down those Death Eaters we’ll stand up and we’ll say, ‘We’re Dumbledore’s Army!’”
Harry and the Potters, “Dumbledore’s Army”

“The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.”
Mahatma Gandhi

“He accused me of being ‘Dumbledore’s man through and through.’
 ‘How very rude of him.’
 ‘I told him I was.’

Dumbledore opened his mouth to speak and then closed it again. Behind Harry, Fawkes the phoenix let out a low, soft, musical cry. To Harry’s intense embarrassment, he suddenly realized that Dumbledore’s bright blue eyes looked rather watery”

JK Rowling, HBP p. 357-358

“An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.”

Mahatma Gandhi

“And then an unearthly and beautiful sound filled the air...It was coming from every thread of the light-spun web vibrating around Harry and Voldemort. It was a sound Harry recognized though he had heard it only once before in his life: phoenix song.

It was the sound of hope to Harry...the most beautiful and welcome thing he had ever heard in his life...He felt as though the song were inside him instead of just around him...It was the sound he connected with Dumbledore, and it was almost as though a friend were speaking in his ear.... *Don’t break the connection*”

JK Rowling, GoF p. 664

“I think it would be a good idea.”

Mahatma Gandhi, after being asked what he thought of Western civilization

“These days are dark, but we won’t fall. We’ll stick together through it all – And what comes will come, and when it does we’ll meet it with all of our courage.”

Harry and the Potters, “These Days Are Dark”

“Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!”

Anne Frank

“And the world is beautiful, just look around! And the world is beautiful, just look at all your friends.”

Harry and the Potters, “Dumbledore”

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

Anne Frank

“And the damage you’ve done, we will mend it, the world can still be beautiful! And we will defend, for we are friends. And friendship you can’t kill!”

Harry and the Potters, “Song for the Death Eaters”

“I don't think of all the misery but of the beauty that still remains.”

Anne Frank

“Our friends we will defend tonight. My friends will work together! Though the end may never be in sight, we know that love is ours forever!”

Harry and the Potters, “Song for the Death Eaters”

“... somebody else will ... carry on from where my life has been cut short. And that is why I must try to live a good and faithful life to my last breath: so that those who come after me do not have to start all over again, need not face the same difficulties.”

Etty Hillesum, (who happened to be) killed in Auschwitz on 30 November 1943.

“It goes on and on and on and on and on! Our allegiance lies with friends. It goes on and on and on and on and on. Our allegiance lies with love!”

Harry and the Potters, “Song for the Death Eaters”

“You may say that I’m a dreamer. But I’m not the only one. I hope someday, you will join us. And the world will be as one.”

John Lennon

“Yes, Harry, you can love,’ said Dumbledore, who looked as though he knew perfectly well what Harry had just refrained from saying. ‘Which given everything that has happened to you,, is a great and remarkable thing.’”

JK Rowling, HBP p. 509

“We must act as a balm to all wounds.”

Etty Hillesum, (who happened to be) killed in Auschwitz on 30 November 1943

“Scrimgeour turned a nasty purple color highly reminiscent of Uncle Vernon. ‘I see you are—’

‘Dumbledore’s man through and through,’ said Harry. ‘That’s right.’”

JK Rowling, HBP p. 649

“History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

“For the first time, Voldemort smiled. It was a taut leer, an evil thing, more threatening than a look of rage. ‘The old argument,’ he said softly. ‘But nothing I have seen in the world has supported your famous pronouncements that love is more powerful than my kind of magic, Dumbledore.’

‘Perhaps you have been looking in the wrong places,’ suggested Dumbledore.”

JK Rowling, HBP p. 444

“I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.