

On Community

Community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another. ~ Henri Nouwen

The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned. ~ Maya Angelou

The mark of community is not the absence of conflict. It's the presence of a reconciling spirit. ~ Bill Hybels

Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing. ~ Rollo May

In a futile attempt to erase our past, we deprive the community of our healing gift. If we conceal our wounds out of fear and shame, our inner darkness can neither be illuminated nor become a light for others. ~ Brennan Manning

We live in a world where everything is connected. We can no longer think in terms of us and them when it comes to the consequences of the way we live. Today it's all about WE. ~ Gregg Braden

Some people think they are in community, but they are only in proximity. True community requires commitment and openness. It is a willingness to extend yourself to encounter and know the other. ~ David Spangler

The world is so empty if one thinks only of mountains, rivers & cities; but to know someone who thinks & feels with us, & who, though distant, is close to us in spirit, this makes the earth for us an inhabited garden. ~ Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Diversity is about all of us, and about us having to figure out how to walk through this world together. ~ Jacqueline Woodson