



# **A Lenten Mosaic - Living In Grace Lent 2020**

**Devotion for Tuesday,  
March 10, 2020**

## **I Got Kin**

**By Hafiz, 14<sup>th</sup> century Persian poet**

Plant  
so that your own heart  
will grow.

Love  
so God will think,  
"Ahhhhh,  
I got kin in that body!  
I should start inviting that soul over  
for coffee and  
rolls."

Sing  
because this is a food  
our starving world  
needs.

Laugh  
because that is the purest  
sound.

## Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labor in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says the Lord.

## **Prayer**

Loving God,

Be in my thoughts like a beacon to illumine the darkness.

Be in my heart like a child full of joy and wonder.

Be in my body like an untiring youth.

Be in my soul like a life-giving river.

Be in my speech like a poet's verse.

Be in my spirit like a wind of change.

Take all that I am, make me a channel your grace,

And accomplish in and through me

More than I have dared to ask or imagine. Amen