

In this wonderful season, when strange stars are sighted and visions of sugar plums dance not only in children's heads, I send you greetings from the Valley of the Sun and the words of some of my faworite seers!

I still believe, in spite of everything, that people are basically good hearted.

-- ANNE FRANK

(writing in her diary shortly before the Nazis discovered her family's hiding place)

No one knows no one CAN know the bitter denials of limitations
better than I do. ...
For three things I thank God
every day of my life:
thanks that He has vouchsafed
me knowledge of His works;
deep thanks that He has set in my
darkness the lamp of faith;
deep, deepest, thanks that I have
another life to look forward to a life joyous with light and flowers
and heavenly song!

-- HELEN KELLER

In Him appeared life.
And that life
was the light of the world!
That light still shines
in the darkness
and the darkness
has never managed
to put it out!

(JOHN 1)

Light and peace for you on Christ's birthday!

1SECT \'si(\(\pi\))r, esp for 1 also 's\(\bar{e}\)-or\ n 1: one that sees 2 a: one that predicts events or developments: PROPHET b: a person credited with extraordinary moral and spiritual insight 3: one that practices divination; specif: CRYSTAL GAZER

Things here are just so much worse now. It's unbelievable! People are being killed daily. We just found out that three people from our area have been taken, tortured and hacked to death.

My friends think I should get out.

I'm not sure yet. El Salvador is such a beautiful country! Where else could you find roses blooming in December?

-- JEAN DONOVAN

(American Catholic lay volunteer, a few months before she was murdered.)

A reporter, interviewing Marian Anderson, recalled some of the great moments in her career. He mentioned: the night Toscanini told her she possessed the finest voice of the century; the private concert she gave at the White House for the Roosevelts and the king and queen of England; the award she received as the person who had done the most for her home town of Philadelphia; and, the legendary Easter Sunday afternoon concert at the Lincoln Memorial for a crowd of 75,000. Then he asked her which of these had been the greatest moment of her career. She replied, "The greatest moment of my LIFE was the day I went home and told my mama she wouldn't have to take in washing anymore."

