## Caring Messages

We asked over 1000 people. Here are the top results.

Please use and adapt these any way you like for those you care about.

You're a human being, not a human doing. Your worth is intrinsic, and your strength is likely greater than you think it is.

\_ive. If only, at times, because it is an act of radical defiance

— Ursula Whiteside

Dear you. Yes you! Remember that one time you felt connected to the universe. No one can take that away from you. It's yours.

— Ursula Whiteside

You may feel you don't matter and see no future. But you do. Yet it is there - please let it evolve because the world needs you and your contribution.

— Kristine Laaninen

If I could fill the world with more people who feel the world, I would. Understanding suffering is a heavy burden to carry at times for sure - but you are never a burden for feeling it.

— Nina Smith

Your story doesn't have to end in this storm. Please stay for the calm after the storm. The possibility of a rainbow. Maybe not tomorrow or next week, but you can weather this.

— Breanna Laughlin

When things have been rough, I think of things or touch items that give me a sense of pride, joy, encouragement, or hope. Sometimes memories that remind me I'm okay and things often change quickly. I don't know if that would help for you.

- Daniel DeBrule

Just like winter, the long dark days slowly get shorter until there is more light than dark. Please believe this while you wait to see the light.

Debbie Reisert

This is part of a poem from Jane Hirschfield, "The world asks of us only the strength we have and we give it. Then it asks more, and we give it "

- Sara Smucker Rarnwell

I've been there - that place where you'd do anything to stop the pain. It's a dark, suffocating birth canal to a better place...Life changes can suck; but nothing ever changing sucks more.

- Kathleen Bartholomeu

Please don't stop fighting. You are being prepared for something far greater than this moment.

— Breanna Laugniin

Things can be completely dark for some of us somteimes. I don't know where you are at today, or if this message can shine through, but I'm here sending you a tiny bit of light - a light beam.

— Ursula Whiteside

This is a favorite line of mine from Desiderata, "You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here."

— Andy Bogart

I was trapped in the Dark Place. Drowning in it.

Lost in the fog. Sinking in the quicksand. Unable to
get out. Slowly, slowly, slowly: I am. You might be
able to too. Just get through today.

- Amy Dietz

I've found this Franklin D. Roosevelt quote helpful "A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor." We'll be prepared for something bigger.

– Ursula Whiteside

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Wanting to be rid of pain is the most human of impulses. You are brave to hold that. You are worth so much. Because you exist. And breathe air Contingent on nothing else.

Sara Smucker Barnwel

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