



Equality is
the soul of
liberty; there
is, in fact, no
liberty
without it.

The strength of our society is dependent on many factors. It is built on a fearless recognition of the most laudable and the most wounded parts of our shared history. It is grounded in an unfailing commitment to forming a more perfect union. It is supported by the vision that only in just alliance we can be an expression of, and breeding ground for, furthering the common good.

Equality is an essential ingredient of freedom.

With equality, personal aspirations can fuel progress and innovation. Each individual has the conditions needed to contribute their best gifts to enrich our common life. Everyone has the space to use what they have been given, to embody their essential dignity, to live out their unique call. Without equality, liberty lacks the resources to flourish.

With equality, communal hope can drive stability and strength. We can together imagine multiple sources of resilience and fashion a shared vision of security. Equal power and opportunity spreads the foundation upon which we rely for safety. Without equality, our hopeful tomorrows are undermined by uncertainty.

With inclusion, healing can take hold. With honesty about our human frailty, we can open ourselves to change. With the voices of those who are vulnerable heard, we can face our shared pain. With reliance on that which is greater than us to soften our fears, we can try new ways. The diverse parts within each of us needing transformation can become clear, can be accepted, and can be mended.

As people, and as a people, we can be made whole.

How do I contribute to a just world? How might I promote more equitable relationships with those around me?

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