Each of is here for a purpose.
Discerning our purpose takes time and honesty, knowledge of ourselves and knowledge of the world, but it is there to be discovered. Each of us has a unique constellation of gifts, an unreplicated radius of influence, and within that radius, be it as small as a family or as large as a state, we can be a transformative presence.
Where what we want to do meets what needs to be done, that is where God wants us to be.
Even the smallest good deed can change someone’s life.
It is not the honours we receive that matter, but the honour we give.
What counts is not how much wealth we make but how much of what we have, we share.
Those who spend at least part of their lives in service of others are the most fulfilled and happiest people I know.
There is no greater gift we can give our children than to let them see us sacrifice something for the sake of an ideal.
Religions reach their highest levels when they stop worrying about other people’s souls and care, instead, for the needs of their bodies.
No religion that persecutes others is worthy of respect, nor one that condemns others, entitled to admiration.
We honour the world God created and called good by searching for and praising the good in others and the world.
Nothing is gained by less-than-ethical conduct. We may gain in the short-term but we will lose in the long, and it is the long-term that counts.
Moral health is no less important to the quality of a life than physical health.
A word of praise can give meaning to someone’s life.
When we put others down, we diminish ourselves; lifting others, we lift ourselves.
That the world is a book in which our life is a chapter, and the question is whether others, reading it, will be inspired.
Each day is a question asked by God to us.
Each situation in which we find ourselves did not happen by accident: we are here, now, in this place, among these people, in these circumstances, so that we can do the act or say the word that will heal one of the fractures of the world.
Few are the days when we cannot make some difference to the lives of others.
Virtue does not have to be conspicuous to win respect.
The best do good without thought of reward, understanding that to help others is a privilege even more than it is an opportunity.
Cynicism diminishes those that practice it.
Self-interest is simply uninteresting.
That it is not the most wealthy or powerful or successful or self-important who make the greatest difference or engender the greatest love.
Pain and loneliness are forms of energy that can be transformed if we turn them outward, using them to recognise and redeem someone else’s pain or loneliness.
The people who are most missed are those who brought hope into our lives.
The ability to give to others is itself a gift.
We can make a difference, and it is only by making a difference that we redeem a life, lifting it from mere existence and endowing it with glory.

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Those who give to others are the closest we come to meeting the divine presence in this short life on earth.
The best way of receiving a blessing is to be a blessing.
That if we listen carefully enough – and listening is an art that requires long training and much humility – we will hear the voice of God in the human heart telling us that there is work to do and that he needs us.