



Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

Faith, what an incredible gift! As it was written in Hebrews 11:1-2

*“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for  
and the Evidence of things unseen.”*

Faith is a delicate creature, a bird in flight without knowledge of wings. This extraordinary gift of faith renders us able to pray and try the impossible. Faith leads us to places that logic and our limited understanding can't take us. We need only rest in faith, let it soak in, and let it be the Light of God that illuminates from within.

Faith allows us to believe in something greater, beyond our grasp. The journey of faith strengthens us, teaches us, inspires us, grounds us, and open us up to vast and limitless love. May we each strive to invest in things, such as faith, that money can never buy. Faith is freedom and liberation. It is a luminous portal to that which is surely beyond our imagination.

And so it is that we are never alone. We are loved by God infinitely and unconditionally. What a gift! Lean into faith and let it grab hold of your heart. Give your sense of faith in the devotion you have for others, for your family and neighbors, for a lasting peace among us. Let faith guide you to what connects us, rather than, what separates us. Allow faith to open your soul so that you may give your best, in God's holy name, always. Let faith carry you on angel's wings to solace, compassion, love and understanding.

As you consider your place in this vast universe, contemplate what you can do, with what you have, from where you are to help others. Be the beacon of light that others need. It doesn't take much. Let go of hubris and open yourself up to a love that is beyond measure. Remember to care for your neighbors as you'd like them to care for your precious children. Be the joy and the peace you wish to see in the world. **Amen.**