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Kaddish by Marge Piercy

Look around us, search above us, below, behind.
We stand in a great web of being joined together.

Let us praise, let us love the life we are lent
passing through us in the body of Israel
and our own bodies, let's say amein.

Time flows through us like water.
The past and the dead speak through us.
We breathe out our children's children, blessing.

Blessed is the earth from which we grow,
blessed the life we are lent,
blessed the ones who teach us,
blessed the ones we teach,
blessed is the word that cannot say the glory
that shines through us and remains to shine
flowing past distant suns on the way to forever.
Let's say amein.

Blessed is light, blessed is darkness,
but blessed above all else is peace
which bears the fruits of knowledge
on strong branches, let's say amein.

Peace that bears joy into the world,
peace that enables love, peace over Israel
everywhere, blessed and holy is peace, let's say amein.

Receiving a Legacy

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Let us praise, let us love the life we are lent -- **Marge Piercy**

Receiving a Legacy

Never. We never lose our loved ones. They accompany us; they don't disappear from our lives. We are merely in different rooms. — **Paulo Coelho**

Celebrating a Legacy

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Developing a Legacy

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Developing a Legacy

“You never know.” You never know when your time will be up, and so it is best to prepare for the end sooner rather than later. -- **Jane Brody**

All life eventually comes to an end no matter how healthfully you live. There is no cure for mortality. The better and the further in advance you plan for that end, the less traumatic it's likely to be, not just for you but for those you leave behind. -- **Jane Brody**

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We wish all of us a meaningful 5783.