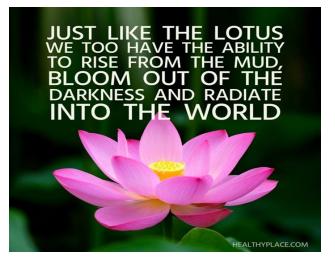
Radiate Hope of New Life

Yes, we have been waiting in darkness for what is "not yet", but it is time to look around for the sparks of light and creativity that will bring about new life. The world is pregnant with possibility... what "will be"! This week of Advent we'll focus on those sparks of light that give us hope for the future of our world.

"If the world is to be healed through human efforts, I am convinced it will be by ordinary people, people whose love for this life is even greater than their fear. People who can open to the web of life that called us into being.

Out of this darkness a new world can arise, not to be constructed by our minds so much as to emerge from our dreams. Even though we cannot see clearly how it's going to turn out, we are still called to let the future into our imagination. We will never be able to build what we have not first cherished in our hearts." Joanna Macy "The Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities and therefore, from the very heart of things, something new can always emerge." LS #80



In these days of darkness,

I have been collecting sparks of light and hope:

- * Several countries using floating apparatus to convert ocean waves to energy
- Student inventing a backpack charging station and giving free to homeless
- * Friend stopping to chat with elderly woman and ending up saving her life
- * Drought country harvesting water from fog
- * Greg Carr putting his money and energy into restoring Gorongosa National Park

You are invited this week to start a collection of your own. Where do you see sparks of light and hope? Reply to this email to share your sparks of hope with others.

Song to Inspire You: <u>We Shall Be Known</u> (listen as often as you need inspiration — guaranteed to move you) "It is time now that we thrive and in this great turning we shall learn to lead in love"