**A spirituality of resilience**

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**Anthem**

The birds they sang  
At the break of day  
Start again  
I heard them say  
Don't dwell on what  
Has passed away  
Or what is yet to be

Ring the bells (ring the bells) that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack in everything (there is a crack in everything)  
That's how the light gets in

Leonard Cohen (1934-2016)

**Serenity prayer**

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;   
courage to change the things I can;   
and wisdom to know the difference.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

**The welcoming prayer**

Welcome, welcome, welcome.  
I welcome everything that comes to me today  
because I know it's for my healing.  
I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons,  
situations, and conditions.  
I let go of my desire for power and control.  
I let go of my desire for affection, esteem,  
approval and pleasure.  
I let go of my desire for survival and security.  
I let go of my desire to change any situation,  
condition, person or myself.  
I open to the love and presence of God and  
God's action within.

Father Thomas Keating

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5

 I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou 1928-2014

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For further work see:

Nonviolent Communication (NVC) sometimes referred to as compassionate communication. A practice which guides us to reframe how we express ourselves and hear others by focusing on what we are observing, feeling, needing, and requesting

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