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Dear Friends,

When we talk about the nature of God we are talking about pure love in action. The kind of love that is unconditional and never ending. One of my favorite affirmations is: *Divine love through me blesses my life and affairs so that greater good is realized, shared, and I am made whole.*

I would like to share an article by the American mystic, teacher, minister, and one of my favorite authors, Emmet Fox. He writes: *Divine Love never fails. Divine Love solves every problem. Statements like these appear again and again in metaphysical books, and, of course, they are perfectly true; but one does not always feel that either the writers or the readers clearly understand what they signify. Certain it is that many people firmly believe them, and yet have obviously been unable to prove them in demonstration. Why is this?*

I think the explanation is that, consciously or unconsciously, people think of Divine Love as some sort of Power outside of themselves; probably up in the sky like the orthodox heaven; and they expect that presently, if they beg hard enough, this Power will come down and rescue them. As a rule they would not admit harboring such an idea, but I believe that some such idea is what they are actually entertaining.

There is, in fact, no such outside power, and therefore you cannot receive help in that way. The only place where Divine Love can exist, as far as you are concerned, is in your own heart. Any love that is not in your heart does not exist for you, and therefore cannot of course affect you in any way.

The thing for you to do, then, is fill your own heart with Divine Love, by thinking it, feeling it, and expressing it; and when this sense of Divine Love is vivid enough it will heal and solve

your problems, and it will enable you to help others do the same too.

During the month of February, which this year has 29 days, I invite you to use my affirmation or create one of your own so that if:

A new problem arises...

Affirm: *Divine love through me blesses my life and affairs so that greater good is realized, shared, and I am made whole.*

An old problem continues to surface...

Affirm: *Divine love through me blesses my life and affairs so that greater good is realized, shared, and I am made whole.*

You feel everything is going wrong...

Affirm: *Divine love through me blesses my life and affairs so that greater good is realized, shared, and I am made whole.*

You feel depressed or discouraged...

Affirm: *Divine love through me blesses my life and affairs so that greater good is realized, shared, and I am made whole.*

You are nervous, scared, or frightened...

Affirm: *Divine love through me blesses my life and affairs so that greater good is realized, shared, and I am made whole.*

You are having issues with others...

Affirm: *Divine love through me blesses my life and affairs so that greater good is realized, shared, and I am made whole.*

This affirmation is of course a prayer. And we know that affirmative prayer works when we believe it will work. As Jesus taught, *“And all things, whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.”*

Divine Love is within you, because God is within you. If God is everywhere present why do we then deny that very essence of God’s love in us? Today start to affirm through prayer that whatever your problem may be, whatever issue is holding you in fear, whatever lack is causing you to hold back and be depressed that Divine Love is there to see you through.