

Monthly Reflection

June 2022

Pride Month

Commemorates the anniversary of the Stonewall riot in New York City, June 28, 1969, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States. Pride Day is the last Sunday in June.

*Take time to celebrate
How far we have come
All those who paved
The road
With their steps
Making it into a path
For our feet to trod*

*Take time to reflect
To remember all the souls
Lost on the journey
Whose dreams you live out
Whose hopes you are
Whose fears you smash*

*Take time to be proud
Of where we are
Where we are going
And the dreams
And hopes
We have swirling
Around us every day*

*Be proud
About all that you are
And all that you can be
And all that you are meant to be*

Shavout (Judaism): June 5- 6

The "Feast of Weeks" celebrates the covenant between God and Israel and the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai which marks the revelation and covenant around 10 commandments.

*May the guiding principles of your faith
and community
guide you in how you are present
what you are past
and what is yet to be
how you share yourself
and who it is with and for others
is a gift worth being present too*

Loving Day: June 12

Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision Loving v. Virginia which struck down the miscegenation laws remaining in 16 states barring interracial marriage.

*Love is a right and a privilege
In all its shades and waves
May it be celebrated
Honored and empowered
For the benefit of all
Never at another's expense*

Reflect & Act

Sometimes life presents great challenges. How do you find empowerment to overcome? Thank someone for empowering you.

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Race Unity Day (Bahá'í): June 12

Observance promoting racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity. Race Unity Day is observed worldwide by Bahá'ís and others with meetings and discussions. Established in 1957.

*We are called
To be individuals
Diverse and dynamic*

*May we celebrate
All of ourselves
And all of those around us*

*Heritage is where we find home
Culture is how we cultivate calm
Diversity is how we are seen by divine*

*We honor
And celebrate
All the colors
Your prism reflects*

Juneteenth: June 19

Also known as Freedom Day, Juneteenth is an American holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in the U.S. state of Texas and more generally, the emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the former Confederate States of America.

*On this day
Proclaim freedom
From oppressive
And intrusive thoughts
From parameters on
Who you can be
What you do
And where you can do*

*On this day
Share the word
That you are not alone
And no one is alone
Because you are safe
Because you are safer
You are free
You are freer*

*On this day celebrate
The potential of change
The goals of equity
And the uphill trudge
And the ease of movement
On the other side of the hill*

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Refugee Day: June 20

Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.

*Home is more than a place
It is an idea
Of finding peace within
From peace outside of ourselves*

*It is present in all of us
And it is fleeting
For too many of us
May we embrace the homes of today
And the ones of tomorrow
Seeking a day when all
Can safely be where they call home*

Anniversary of Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage in the U.S.: June 26

On June 26, 2015, in the case of Obergefell v. Hodges, the Supreme Court ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples.

*All love is bold
Enough to know itself
To celebrate its truth
And be proud of parties involved*

*All love is magical
In the mundane and complain
As well as
Th excitement and joy*

*All love is complicated
Truth is in the peaks
And the valleys of life
May we seek and find*