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New Year's greeting, 1940.

It is hard to wish for happiness at the beginning of this year in the midst of a world full of unhappiness. Nevertheless, we might find a measure of happiness if we try, during the coming year, to do our bit to help lift the load of despair from the shoulders of unhappy men and women who have been driven by the cruel vicissitudes of war and persecution to all parts of the earth; if we try to share what we have of the things of life with those who need it more; if we try to strengthen the hands and the hearts of those people who are fighting so desperately today in behalf of their freedom, their survival, and the preservation of our common heritage. By linking up our lives, during the coming year, with the eternal causes of justice and mercy, we might find some measure of peace of mind and spiritual tranquillity in this distraught and menaced world.

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