

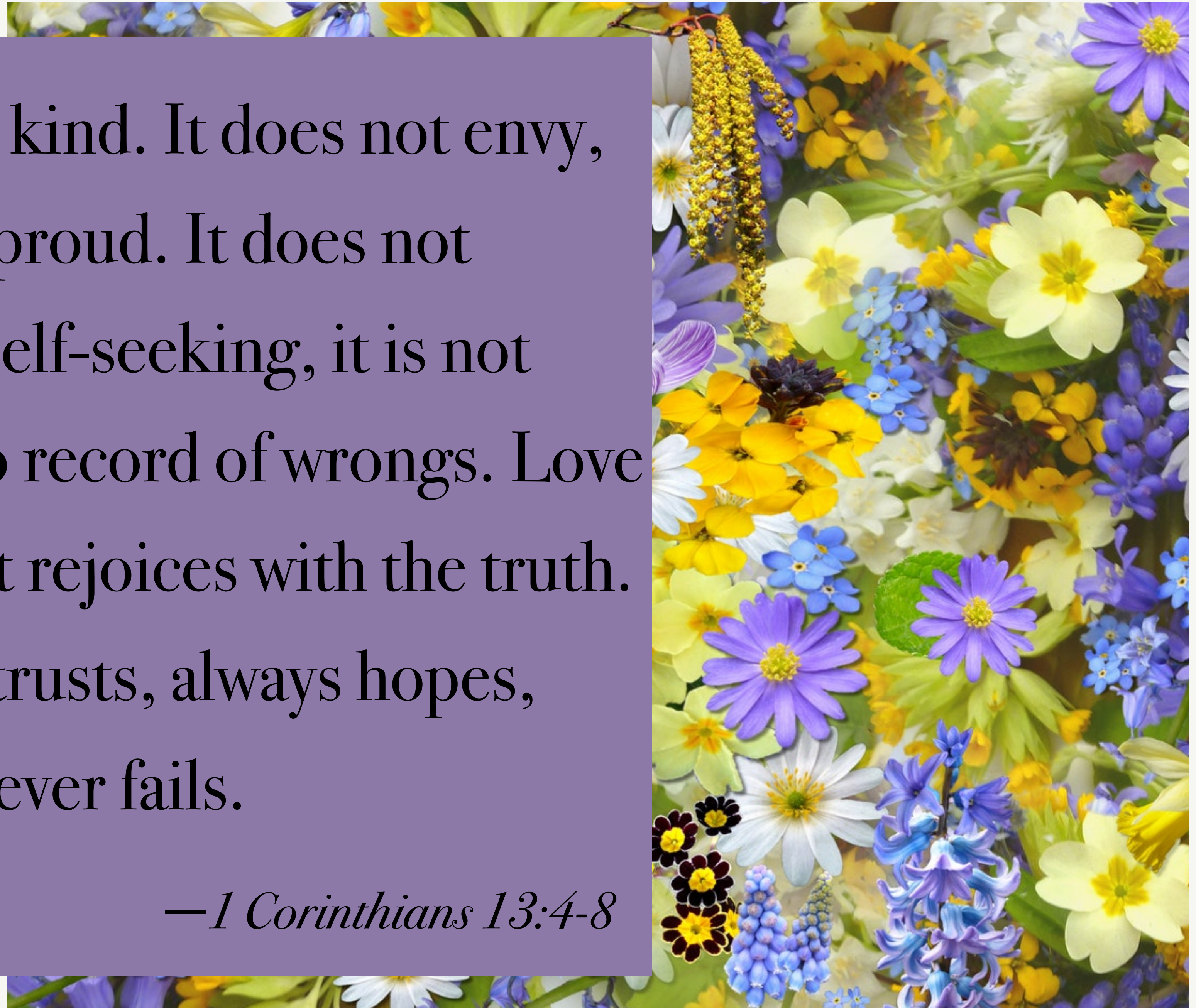
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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

—1 Corinthians 13:4-8



What a power is love! It is the most wonderful, the greatest of all living powers.

Love gives life to the lifeless. Love lights a flame in the heart that is cold. Love brings hope to the hopeless and gladdens the hearts of the sorrowful.

In the world of existence there is indeed no greater power than the power of love. When the heart of man is aglow with the flame of love, he is ready to sacrifice all—even his life. In the Gospel it is said God is love.

—*Abdu'l-Bahá*

Love is heaven's kindly light, the Holy Spirit's eternal breath that vivifieth the human soul. Love is the cause of God's revelation unto man, the vital bond inherent, in accordance with the divine creation, in the realities of things. Love is the one means that ensureth true felicity both in this world and the next. Love is the light that guideth in darkness, the living link that uniteth God with man, that assureth the progress of every illumined soul. Love is the most great law that ruleth this mighty and heavenly cycle, the unique power that bindeth together the divers elements of this material world, the supreme magnetic force that directeth the movements of the spheres in the celestial realms. Love revealeth with unfailing and limitless power the mysteries latent in the universe. Love is the spirit of life unto the adorned body of mankind, the establisher of true civilization in this mortal world, and the shedder of imperishable glory upon every high-aiming race and nation.

—*Abdu'l-Bahá*

I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.—*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Hatred does not cease through hatred at any time. Hatred ceases through love. This is an unalterable law.—*Buddha*

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear... —*1 John 4:18*

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.—*Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Love the whole
world as a mother loves
her only child.—*Buddha*



Ultimately, the power to transform the world is effected by love, love originating from the relationship with the divine, love ablaze among members of a community, love extended without restriction to every human being. This divine love, ignited by the Word of God, is disseminated by enkindled souls through intimate conversations that create new susceptibilities in human hearts, open minds to moral persuasion, and loosen the hold of biased norms and social systems so that they can gradually take on a new form in keeping with the requirements of humanity's age of maturity. You are channels for this divine love; let it flow through you to all who cross your path.—*The Universal House of Justice*

Love manifests
its reality in deeds,
not only in words.

—‘Abdu’l-Bahá

I don't do great
things. I do small
things with great
love.

—Mother Teresa



Love the creatures for the sake of God and not for themselves. You will never become angry or impatient if you love them for the sake of God. Humanity is not perfect. There are imperfections in every human being, and you will always become unhappy if you look toward the people themselves. But if you look toward God, you will love them and be kind to them, for the world of God is the world of perfection and complete mercy. Therefore, do not look at the shortcomings of anybody; see with the sight of forgiveness. The imperfect eye beholds imperfections. The eye that covers faults looks toward the Creator of souls.—*‘Abdu’l-Bahá*

For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.—*1 Samuel 16:7*

However men try to reach me, I return their love with my love;
whatever path they may travel, it leads to me in the end.—*The Bhagavad
Gita*

With Thy love in my heart all the world's afflictions can in
no wise alarm me.—*Bahá'u'lláh*

We love because he first loved us.—*1 John 4:19*

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.— *1 John 4:7-8*

Hast thou love? Then thy power is irresistible.—*‘Abdu’l-Bahá*



Where there is
love, nothing is too
much trouble, and
there is always time.

—*Abdu'l-Bahá*

