

NOTABLE QUOTABLES

A key National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) goal is to inspire and motivate your community to support victims' rights. Your speeches, announcements, and presentations may benefit from including a few powerful quotations to underscore this message of collective support. The quotations compiled here build on the 2020 NCVRW theme.

The Pursuit for Justice

In matters of truth and justice, there is no difference between large and small problems, for issues concerning the treatment of people are all the same.

– Albert Einstein (1879–1955)

Justice consists not in being neutral between right and wrong, but in finding out the right and upholding it, wherever found, against the wrong.

– Theodore Roosevelt (1858–1919)

Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable . . . every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.

– Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968)

Justice is the constant and perpetual will to allot to every man his due.

– Domitius Ulpianus (170–223)

Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained.

– Helen Keller (1880–1968)

Inspiring Hope

There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something tomorrow.

– Orison Swett Marden (1850–1924)

Once you choose hope, anything's possible.

– Christopher Reeve (1970–2004)

Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings.

– Elie Wiesel (1928–2016)

Out of difficulties grow miracles.

– Jean de la Bruyère (1645–1696)

Everything that is done in this world is done by hope.

– Martin Luther (1483–1546)

Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.

– Dale Carnegie (1888–1955)

Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today.

– Thich Nhat Hanh (1926–)

Advocating for Victims' Rights

We are way more powerful when we turn to each other and not on each other, when we celebrate our diversity . . . and together tear down the mighty walls of injustice.

– Cynthia McKinney (1955–)

If you ever feel like you're just one person trying to change something, I promise there are hundreds, thousands, if not millions of people out there who feel the same way as you, who want to make a difference.

– Saira O'Mallie (1980–)

We are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice, we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself.

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945)

For too long, the victims of crime have been the forgotten persons of our criminal justice system.

– Ronald Reagan (1911–2004)

