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Dear Friends.

Our hearts go out to you at this time, as you sit in jail for your very brave and selfless fight against color discrimination. We see in your gallant efforts to end racial discrimination in the United States, a bright future for humanity. It is heart-warming in these days of materialism to hear about people, like you, who are prepared to suffer indignity for the sake of establishing such high ideals as the common brotherhood of man.

We know that at such times it is difficult to keep up your spirits and we are aware that many people with less courage will try to make you believe that your effort is serving no useful purpose, but be sure that we, in this part of the world, are with you in spirit although separated by land, sea and walls.

We sincerely hope that whatever hardships you endure at this time will not discourage you but that these might act as stepping stones to still higher ideals.

> Remember the saying "It is darkest before dawn" With our very best wishes,

> > Yours sincerely,

J. D. van du Puije P. D. VANDER PUIJE SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

TO ALL "SIT-IN" STUDENTS IN JAIL YORK COUNTY JAIL, YORK, SOUTH CAROLINA, U.S. F .. .

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