

# Alice Walker

## Quotes

*Thinking, People, Children, Men, Mother, Writing, Believe, Heart, Mean, World,  
Self, Country, War, Peace, Long, Animal, Flower, Needs, Want, Way*

Womanist is to feminist as purple is to lavender.

~Alice Walker

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.

~Alice Walker

No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow.

~Alice Walker

Look closely at the present you are constructing: it should look like the future you are dreaming.

~Alice Walker

Whenever you are creating beauty around you, you are restoring your own soul.

~Alice Walker

I don't need a certain number of friends, just a number of friends I can be certain of.

~Alice Walker

Every small positive change we make in ourselves repays us in confidence in the future.

~Alice Walker

In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and they're still beautiful.

~Alice Walker

'Thank you' is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding.

~Alice Walker

Don't wait around for other people to be happy for you. Any happiness you get you've got to make yourself.

~Alice Walker

Is solace anywhere more comforting than that in the arms of a sister.

~Alice Walker

People who work hard often work too hard. ... May we learn to honor the hammock, the siesta, the nap and the pause in all its forms.

~Alice Walker

There is no graceful way to carry hatred.

~Alice Walker

Activism is the rent I pay for living on this planet.

~Alice Walker

I think it pisses God off if you walk by the color purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it.

~Alice Walker

Life is better than death, I believe, if only because it is less boring, and because it has fresh peaches in it.

~Alice Walker

I know, in my soul, that to eat a creature who is raised to be eaten, and who never has a chance to be a real being, is unhealthy. It's like...you're just eating misery. You're eating a bitter life.

~Alice Walker

we are the ones we have been waiting for

~Alice Walker

When life descends into the pit I must become my own candle Willingly

burning my self To light up the darkness around me.

~Alice Walker

The animals of the world exist for their own reasons. They were not made for humans any more than black people were made for white, or women created for men.

~Alice Walker

It's so clear that you have to cherish everyone. I think that's what I get from these older black women, that every soul is to be cherished, that every flower is to bloom.

~Alice Walker

Time moves slowly, but passes quickly.

~Alice Walker

It no longer bothers me that I may be constantly searching for father figures; by this time, I have found several and dearly enjoyed knowing them all.

~Alice Walker

Tea to the English is really a picnic indoors.

~Alice Walker

Human compassion is equal to human cruelty, and it is up to each of us to tip the balance.

~Alice Walker

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~Alice Walker

Propaganda is amazing, people can be led to believe anything.

~Alice Walker

A writer's heart, a poet's heart, an artist's heart, a musician's heart is always breaking. It is through that broken window that we see the world.

~Alice Walker

She say, Celie, tell the truth, have you ever found God in church? I never did. I just found a bunch of folks hoping for him to show.

~Alice Walker

I'm always amazed that people will actually choose to sit in front of the television and just be savaged by stuff that belittles their intelligence.

~Alice Walker

Writing about people helps us to understand them, and understanding them helps us to accept them as part of ourselves.

~Alice Walker

I have fallen in love with the imagination. And if you fall in love with the imagination, you understand that it is a free spirit. It will go anywhere, and it can do anything.

~Alice Walker

Expect nothing. Live frugally on surprise.

~Alice Walker

War will stop when we no longer praise it, or give it any attention at all. Peace will come wherever it is sincerely invited.

~Alice Walker

The nature of this flower is to bloom.

~Alice Walker

In search of my mother's garden, I found my own.

~Alice Walker

Nobody is as powerful as we make them out to be.

~Alice Walker

Wherever I have knocked, a door has opened. Wherever I have wandered, a path has appeared.

~Alice Walker

As long as the Earth can make a spring every year, I can. As long as the Earth can flower and produce nurturing fruit, I can, because I'm the Earth. I won't give up until the Earth gives up.

~Alice Walker

Decide that you know what you think is good for you and go ahead and do it.

~Alice Walker

Us sing and dance, make faces and give flower bouquets, trying to be loved. You ever notice that trees do everything to get attention we do, except walk?

~Alice Walker

Be an outcast. Be pleased to walk alone.

~Alice Walker

Animals can communicate quite well. And they do. And generally speaking, they are ignored

~Alice Walker

Helped are those who are content to be themselves; they will never lack mystery in their lives and the joys of self-discovery will be constant.

~Alice Walker

Israel is guilty of apartheid and persecution of the Palestinian people,

both inside Israel and also in the Occupied Territories.

~Alice Walker

As we talked of freedom and justice one day for all, we sat down to steaks. I am eating misery, I thought, as I took the first bite. And spit it out.

~Alice Walker

We writers - we're the snowflakes of the literary world. We each have our own shape.

~Alice Walker

I have learned not to worry about love; but to honor its coming with all my heart.

~Alice Walker

Even as I hold you, I am letting you go.

~Alice Walker

Healing begins where the wound was made.

~Alice Walker

The most important question in the world is, 'Why is the child crying?'

~Alice Walker

The experience of God, or in any case the possibility of experiencing God, is innate.

~Alice Walker

It just seems clear to me that as long as we are all here, it's pretty clear that the struggle is to share the planet, rather than divide it.

~Alice Walker

We should learn to accept that change is truly the only thing that's

going on always, and learn to ride with it and enjoy it.

~Alice Walker

For in the end, freedom is a personal and lonely battle; and one faces down fears of today so that those of tomorrow might be engaged.

~Alice Walker

If I could live as a tree, as a river, as the moon, as the sun, as a star, as the earth, as a rock, I would. ...Writing permits me to experience life as any number of strange creations.

~Alice Walker

What the mind doesn't understand, it worships or fears.

~Alice Walker

Ignorance, arrogance, and racism have bloomed as Superior Knowledge in all too many universities.

~Alice Walker

You know a little drink now and then never hurt nobody, but when you can't git started without asking the bottle, you in trouble.

~Alice Walker

You have to steal back yourself. You have to steal back your own mind. Meditation helps in that area.

~Alice Walker

If you want to have a life that is worth living, a life that expresses your deepest feelings and emotions, and cares and dreams, you have to fight for it.

~Alice Walker

Horses make a landscape look beautiful.

~Alice Walker



The protection of evil must be the most self-destructive job.

~Alice Walker

Fiction is such a world of freedom, it's wonderful. If you want someone to fly, they can fly.

~Alice Walker

Women have to summon courage to fulfill dormant dreams.

~Alice Walker

Criticism is painful when it's not done with love.

~Alice Walker

HELPED are those who laugh with a pure heart; theirs will be the company of the jolly righteous.

~Alice Walker

What hurts the most is being misunderstood. They tell me that's an Aquarian trait - that that's the thing we don't like.

~Alice Walker

Many people are aware that we are in peril and that there is no trustworthy leadership.

~Alice Walker

The long-term accommodation that protects marriage and other such relationships is ... forgetfulness.

~Alice Walker

Anything we love can be saved.

~Alice Walker

Surely the earth can be saved by all the people who insist on love.

~Alice Walker

'Thank you' is the best prayer that anyone could say.

~Alice Walker

Yes, Mother. I can see you are flawed. You have not hidden it. That is your greatest gift to me.

~Alice Walker

Sexuality is one of the ways that we become enlightened, actually, because it leads us to self-knowledge.

~Alice Walker

Deliver me from writers who say the way they live doesn't matter. I'm not sure a bad person can write a good book, If art doesn't make us better, then what on earth is it for.

~Alice Walker

Poetry is the lifeblood of rebellion, revolution, and the raising of consciousness.

~Alice Walker

The animals of the planet are in desperate peril... Without free animal life I believe we will lose the spiritual equivalent of oxygen.

~Alice Walker

I really think admiration for nature can save us. I mean true admiration, to the point of not letting it be harmed.

~Alice Walker

I'm sure we, the American people, are the butt of jokes by those in power.

~Alice Walker

I think the War on Terror is really absurd, especially coming from a country that is founded on terrorism.

~Alice Walker

Nature has created us with the capacity to know God, to experience God.

~Alice Walker

I write not only what I want to read...I write all the things I should have been able to read.

~Alice Walker

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~Alice Walker

Any God I ever found in church, I brought in myself.

~Alice Walker

When the ax came into the forest the trees said the handle is one of us.

~Alice Walker

I believe God is everything, say Shug. Everything that is or ever was or ever will be. And when you can feel that, and be happy to feel that, you've found It.

~Alice Walker

(a womanist) 3. Loves music. Loves dance. Loves the moon. Loves the Spirit. Loves love and food and roundness. Loves struggle. Loves the Folk. Loves herself. Regardless.

~Alice Walker

I see children, all children, as humanity's most precious resource, because it will be to them that the care of the planet will always be left.

~Alice Walker

I don't know. I imagine good teaching as a circle of earnest people sitting down to ask each other meaningful questions. I don't see it as a handing down of answers.

~Alice Walker

I try to teach my heart not to want things it cant have.

~Alice Walker

You must learn to love only that which cannot be stolen.

~Alice Walker

People do not wish to appear foolish; to avoid the appearance of foolishness, they are willing to remain actually fools.

~Alice Walker

Abortion, for many women, is more than an experience of suffering beyond anything most men will ever know, it is an act of mercy, and an act of self-defense.

~Alice Walker

Guided by my heritage of a love of beauty and a respect for strength - in search of my mother's garden, I found my own.

~Alice Walker

I have fought and kicked and fasted and prayed and cursed and cried myself to the point of existing.

~Alice Walker

As long as the Earth can make a spring every year, I can.

~Alice Walker

HELPED are those who lose their fear of death; theirs is the power to envision the future in a blade of grass.

~Alice Walker

There's an ecstatic side to writing. It's like jazz. It just has a life.

~Alice Walker

If you're silent for a long time, people just arrive in your mind.

~Alice Walker

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