



Pope Francis – Building the Future Together

Not one of us is an island
autonomous and independent from the others.
We can only build the future together
without excluding anyone.

How wonderful it would be
if the growth of scientific and technological innovation
would come along with more equality and social
inclusion.

It is our diversity that makes us stronger,
and by working together
we can do things much greater
than we can do as individuals.

How wonderful it would be if
while we discover faraway planets
We would rediscover the needs of our brothers and
sisters that orbit around us.

Only an education in fraternity
towards a real solidarity
can overcome a culture of waste -
and waste doesn't just concern food and goods
But first of all people.

Allow me to say it clearly
the more power you have,
the more your actions will have an impact on people,
the more you are called upon to be humble.
Because otherwise your power
will ruin you and you will ruin others.

Tenderness is not weakness.
It is strength.
Tenderness makes us use our eyes to see the other,
to use our ears to see the other,
to listen to the cries of the children, of the poor,

those who are afraid of the future.
To listen also to the silent cry of our common home
Our sick and polluted earth.

We have so much to do
and we must do it together.

In the darkness of the conflicts we are living through,
Each one of us can become a bright candle
to remind us that light will overcome darkness
And never the other way round.

To us Christians the future has a name
And that name is hope.
It's the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself up
That doesn't dwell on the past
And not only survives the present
But is able to see a tomorrow.

