



Operation Save America

*Your mission is to cross
the divide with love!*

Dear America,

I am your daughter.

I have marched in your main street parades,
and in my yard I fly your flag.

I pledge allegiance and sing your anthem.

My uncle and grandfather fought in your wars.

My other grandfather came to your shores
as a young boy and stayed to raise your powerlines.

I climb your mountains and work your soil
and pick up trash on your highways.

I love you, America.

I vote in your polls and raise your children
and volunteer in your schools.

And because you are America,

I pay your taxes and call my senators
and protest in your streets.

I read your poets, relearn your history,
travel your back roads and cheer your teams.

You made me, America.

And I pray for you. And I pray in the way I *choose* to pray
because we can do that in America.

America, did we forget
our differences are what make us great?

Remember, America, the dream!

The wind is fierce today,
and I love the way it inspires the flag to wave into life.

Whatever is fierce around us is an invitation
to show up. Whatever is difficult

is a call to bring our best.

Whatever is uncertain is a chance

to be clearer in our thoughts, more generous in our speech.

America, it's not a president

that makes our country great—

it's us. How we treat each other.

How we meet our mistakes.

How we become the wind that raises the flag.

How our own hearts must be the home of the brave.

—Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer



Your mission — should you choose to accept it:

Secret Agents, this is a crucial mission at a crucial time. There is much at stake. You are here because you are courageous and true. We know that. We have seen many of you in action in previous missions and you have always risen to the call.

Please know that this mission will test you. It will test your strength of character. It will test your weary spirit. It will test your ability to set aside pride and step into pure love.

In her beautiful poem, Rosemerry says, "Whatever is fierce around us is an invitation to show up. Whatever is difficult is a call to bring our best."

Your mission, should you choose to accept it is to do just that: show up and bring your best. You will reach across the political divide to offer love, kindness, and joy. You will turn away from differences and seek connection.

What does that look like?

We are not here to talk politics. But it is no secret that there is a big election coming up that is dividing our beautiful country into reds and blues. Shhh — don't reveal your preference. For the purpose of this mission, we are all purple.

Now, let's simply pause. Take a breath, close your eyes, and consider if you know someone who is "over there" far away from your "right here" political stance.

Does a person come to mind? A family member, a community member, a politician, or a stranger? Maybe you know a club or PAC or campaign office? You will decide whether you want to spread surreptitious joy to a specific person or to a group.

Then, decide if you would like to spread joy in total anonymity or if you might want to reveal that you are on the opposite side of political views.

As always, there are many possible forms and formats for your secret mission.

Here are a few examples:

I was staying at my mom's house close to Erie, PA. It is a hotbed of anger and fear. While out walking, I made it a point to wave and say something friendly to neighbors who had yards filled with political signs that were not my candidate. I didn't tell them it was my own personal mission to find love in my heart for people I am afraid of.

I could have gone back to those homes late at night and stealthily placed baskets of fruit or flowers on their porches and includes a note that said, "We may not vote the same way, but kindness doesn't need a party. Wishing you peace, joy, and good health. We're all in this together."

You can see how one mission is 100% anonymous and the other gives a hint that someone secret is crossing the divide to bring peace.

Another simple example is if you see someone on the street wearing political garb that isn't your person, you could say, with warmth and kindness, tell me about your excitement for _____. And then listen, just really listen. No need to debate or argue or contradict. Listen then thank that person for their time. Again, you could be totally anonymous or you could say at the end, "I'm a supporter of another candidate, but I really want to know more about yours."

Your Double Secret Agent Mission:

Examine what citizenship means to you. Rosemerry says, "If the country isn't representing you, will you represent it?" What values do you want America to uphold? How are you upholding those in your family, in your community, and in the country? Create a mission for yourself!





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the same way, but kindness
doesn't need a party.**

**Wishing you peace, joy,
and good health.**

We're all in this together.



**Though we may vote on
opposite sides, I wanted to
share a bit of kindness.**

**Here's to remembering what
connects us as neighbors and
friends. Wishing you peace and
all good things.**



**Even if we cast our votes
differently, compassion is
something we all share.**

**Just a small reminder that
we're stronger together.**

**Wishing you warmth
and happiness.**