

## **A Message from Maria Alice 2018**

As a woman, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother,  
my choice is for peace, for life,  
for respect for all lives.

At this moment, I send this message to all who can hear me, to Brazilians and  
Brazilians in particular.

We are facing a challenging scenario.  
That challenges the inner harmony of people, their beliefs and convictions,  
their physical, emotional, mental stability, both personally and socially.

We are facing threats and counter-information.  
In the media,  
there is no longer any control  
over the truth of what is being reported.  
The level is too low and obscure.  
The simple people are confused,  
believing in false news, in false solutions, frightened, disoriented.

At this point we are challenged to make a choice. and this choice will define the future of  
our nation and our people.

Of our children, of our nature.  
We need to be well aware.  
We can not act under pressure,  
not by impulse.  
We must meditate seriously within ourselves within the inner temple of our heart.  
Do we want guns?  
Do we want torture?  
Do we want inequality, racial persecution?  
Or do we want peace?  
Or do we want freedom?  
Is it possible that guns, torture, brutality,  
can serve to bring us peace?

I think history has already proved us wrong. The more weapons, the more suffering,  
the more hate, the more revenge,

the more inconsequence.

Why should we believe in the illusion  
that a weapon gives us power  
when we can believe in the power of love and brotherhood?

Whatever spiritual path we choose to follow, in him we learn that we are all in the  
likeness of the same Creator.

That the light that shines on me  
also shines in every being of Creation.

And it is for this light to shine on all of us, that we have freedom.

Freedom teaches us the responsibility  
of our choice.

If we are free and we choose evil,  
we will reap the fruit of this action.

If we choose the weapons,  
one day we will be hit by them.

If we choose the destruction of the Amazon, we will be responsible for the drought  
all over the planet,  
and for the extinction of thousands  
of plant species with high medicinal power.

If we choose to withdraw the right  
of the indigenous peoples to their lands,  
we will be annihilating  
the guardians of life and the natural riches  
of our planet and, even more,  
we will be belittling our roots, our ancestry.

When our choice affects the collective,  
then our responsibility is even greater.

And it is in the face of this kind of choice that we are being confronted  
at the moment.

We need calmness, maturity.  
If we act on impulse, we can fail.  
If we choose neutrality,  
we are deceiving ourselves.  
For neutrality does not exist now.

It strengthens one side of collective choice.

Now our choice seems political,  
but that's not all.  
It is a deeper and more decisive choice.  
Let's choose to be human  
or against humans?

If we are human,  
we need to embrace our diversity,  
those who are most alike and  
those who are most different from us. Everyone has the same right.

Therefore, if our choice affects the right of the other, our right will also be affected.

Time now puts us before a great opportunity to develop consciousness in us.  
Act with awareness.  
Do not react.  
Do not act on impulse, not by pressure.

My awareness of mother, grandmother, great-grandmother,  
teaches me to act with love.

With love and respect.

We are different,  
but in all of us there is a longing for good,  
a longing for peace.

Sometimes the disappointments  
that we go through in life  
create calluses in our feelings,  
create implications.

We become rigid and disconnected  
from the original longing of our heart.

But if we have calm,  
and deepen the yearning for the child  
that dwells in each of us,  
surely we will find the choice for peace, happiness, freedom, the beauty of nature.

I invite all of you to unite now,  
around this great alliance for good,  
for brotherhood,  
for respect for our lives  
with all their differences, for love.

AND THAT ALL THIS IS THE BURNING  
OF OUR PEACE CONSCIOUSNESS !!! "

~ Grandma Maria Alice Campos Freire