

Readings from the Common Bowl

A bad neighbor is a misfortune, as much as a good one is a great blessing.

--*Hesiod*

A good neighbor is a fellow who smiles at you over the back fence, but doesn't climb over it.

-- *Arthur Baer*

Don't throw stones at your neighbors, if your own windows are glass.

-- *Benjamin Franklin*

Every man is surrounded by a neighborhood of voluntary spies.

-- *Jane Austen*

For what do we live, but to make sport for our neighbors, and laugh at them in our turn?

-- *Jane Austen*

As man draws nearer to the stars, why should he not also draw nearer to his neighbor?

-- *Lyndon B. Johnson*

It is easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbor.

-- *Eric Hoffer*

It is your business when the wall next door catches fire.

-- *Horace*

Love thy neighbor -- but don't pull down your hedge.

-- *Benjamin Franklin*

My neighbor doesn't want to be loved as much as he wants to be envied.

-- *Irving Layton*

Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's noisy party than being there.

-- *Franklin P. Jones*

Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain, and your neighbor's loss as your own loss.

-- *Tai Shang Kan Ying P'Ien*

In great cities men are brought together by the desire of gain. They are not in a state of cooperation, but of isolation, as to the making of fortunes; and for all the rest they are careless of neighbors. Christianity teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves; modern society acknowledges no neighbor.

-- *Benjamin Disraeli*

Of neighborhoods, benevolence is the most beautiful. How can the man be considered wise who when he had the choice does not settle in benevolence.

-- *Confucious*

Sometimes a neighbor whom we have disliked a lifetime for his arrogance and conceit lets fall a single commonplace remark that show us another side, another man, really; a man uncertain, and puzzled, and in the dark like ourselves.

-- *Willa Cather*

The supreme satisfaction is to be able to despise one's neighbor and this fact goes far to account for religious intolerance. It is evidently consoling to reflect that the people next door are headed for hell.

-- *Aleister Crowley*

The impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor.

-- *Hubert S. Humphrey*

They who are all things to their neighbors cease to be anything to themselves.

-- *Norman Douglas*

This is the sum of all -- righteousness. In causing pleasure or in giving pain, in doing good or injury to others, a man obtains a proper rule of action by looking at his neighbor as himself.

-- *The Mahabhart*

We make our friends; we make our enemies; but God makes our next door neighbor.

-- *Gilbert K. Chesterton*

Welcome thy neighbor into thy fallout shelter. He'll come in handy if you run out of food.

-- *Dean McLaughlin*

When strangers start acting like neighbors... communities are reinvigorated.
-- *Ralph Nader*