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Now remain in my love!

(John 15:9)

You within me – me within you

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Dear friends of the word,

She was from the Serbian part of Bosnia and was studying abroad. It'd been important to her parents to bring her and her siblings up in such a way that they would learn to respect every human being. "Colour, ethnicity and ancestry are not important. What is important is that they are human beings! And every human being wants to be loved!" she'd heard her mum say repeatedly. This idea was instilled in her. Her mum had fallen seriously ill a few months ago and – because she couldn't be treated in her homeland – died a short time later. This sudden death weighed heavy on the soul of the young woman.

She was teamed up with another student to work on a research project. This fellow student looked after the young Bosnian woman and helped her. The presentation was a big success. Through working together a sense of trust had developed between the two young women. Without ever having talked about faith, the young Bosnian woman asked her colleague: "Do you think my mum is watching me now?" Her colleague replied: "You know, our path on this earth is a pilgrim's path. Ultimately we are made for eternity. Somehow this world is too small for our soul. But eternity doesn't start with someone's death. It starts whenever we love, just like your mother did. I believe that she's now eternally at home in this love." "I'm so glad I asked you. It is my feeling that my mother is in a good place and that she's watching me. We are connected in love."

Dear friends of the word, the love of her mother had helped this young woman to learn to love. And she discovered this 'giving love' in the connection with her mother. Jesus had shown his love to his disciples in similar fashion. Shortly before his death he offered his love as a 'dwelling'. He'd invited them to "Dwell in my love"! It is the bridge to one another, to God and to the deceased. Someone who loves is connected: **You within me – me within you!**

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