

Life is Not Fair: A Reflection on International Women's Day
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As a woman of privilege, I only hope I never take for granted the many advantages I have living in a democratic country, with an education, medical care, clean water, a safe place to live, and access to food. In fact, I hope I continue to share with others who are not as fortunate, but who love and care just as much as I do for children, grandchildren, friends, their faith, and this earth.

I don't know if I could survive in an environment in which clean water is five miles away, where food is only available if you grow, harvest, and prepare it, and where all clothing is made by hand. It is humbling to think about such a contrast to my reality.

Regardless of the circumstances that cause such disparity, I do continue to work for equity that empowers women to earn a living, care for their families, and contribute to peace in this world.

Life is not fair. And whether sharing my time, talent, and resources through my church, organizations like the American Association of University Women, and Global Women's Project makes a difference to women, it makes a difference to me that I am part of a cloud of witnesses who reach out everyday to others who need a helping hand.

I am the product of circumstances and many guides, mentors, teachers, and leaders. Life is not fair. May we each, in our own way, reflect the love and support we have received by sharing our gifts. All of us are God's children, and all God's children have a place in the choir!