

# Prelude

**Love Live Forgive** is a journey into the relationship between creative expression and a range of powerful values such as love, forgiveness, and compassion. All contributors to this publication are artists from a dynamic spectrum of artistic, cultural, and faith-based backgrounds. Individually they express their own personal values for creativity, love, and forgiveness. Collectively they embrace a shared passion for art and its ability to inspire our lives and transform our view of the world around us.

Artists are often visionaries of culture, community, and creed. They help interpret our world through their own unique lens of creativity, imagination, and personal values. Together this illuminates our understanding of the virtues that bring meaning to life and significance to our existence. Artists have the powerful ability to create immense beauty where none was found before. They write the poems, carve the statues, paint the pictures, and sing the songs that define us and reflect the essential heart of humanity.

Over one hundred exclusive interviews from a diverse range of artists have been specially selected for this project to explore the power of love and forgiveness through art. The artists represented in this book are sharing their experiences, inspirations, and stories revealing the powerful intersections that exist between artistry and the deeper meanings of our emotional life. This project is grounded as an exploration into creativity, love, forgiveness, spirituality, the inner-life, and the potential for transformation. Designed to help develop our own understanding of the intersection of artistry and such values, each chapter begins with an introduction and includes reflection questions to consider while reading. Each chapter concludes with an opportunity to integrate and apply the lessons into our own lives.

We invite you to join the journey as we explore how art can help us communicate love and forgiveness to the world.