

# I AM HOPEFUL BECAUSE...

By Luke Paranjpe

I love our world. Our world is full of things we think of as ordinary but they're really a lot more than that. I am grateful for our world. Humans have made the world a better place but there's still so much more we can do.

**I am hopeful because everyone can help our world if they try hard enough.**

Simple steps make a big difference like driving electric cars, planting more trees, and conserving our natural resources.

**I am hopeful because everyone's good qualities outweigh the bad.**

Qualities like love, kindness, respect, and courage are inside of all of us.

**I am hopeful because we can do anything.**

We can change the world because humans are the centerpiece of innovation.

I am fortunate to be standing in this very spot. I am lucky to have experienced what has happened in my life. I can stand strong, be brave, and face life's challenges. Our hearts can **handle anything if we believe in ourselves, cherish our good moments, and learn from the bad.**

**I am hopeful because deep down no one is bad.**

**I am hopeful because eight billion people have enough power to change the world for good.**

**I am hopeful because I know that millions of people stand with me now.**

We have all been through tough times. It does not matter whether you are one hundred years old or one year old. Every single thing on this planet contributes to fitting the puzzle pieces of our lives together. We are hopeful, and we are strong. We can face down any challenge because **any challenges** we face, big or small, can be overcome. It's not like anyone is trying to place a giant wall in front of you. Anyone who offers a challenge is trying to motivate you.

Never say you're bad at something. You can remind yourself you're just not there yet. Don't compare yourself to others. The only thing you're trying to do is be the best you can be.

**I am hopeful because we all have courage.**

**I am hopeful because everyone has some hope even in the darkest of moments.**

**I am hopeful because maybe all you need to recover from sadness is a big hug from someone you love.**

Sometimes all you have to do is ask.

**Best wishes, stay hopeful, and keep going. I'm strong, and you are strong too.**

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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