

If each word were to say: one word does not make a book,
there would be no book.

If each brick were to say: one brick does not make a wall,
there would be no house.

If each drop of water were to say: one drop does not make an
ocean,
there would be no ocean.

If each seed were to say: one grain does not make a field of
corn,
there would be no harvest.

If each one of us were to say: one act of love cannot save
humankind,
there would never be justice and peace on the earth.

The symphony needs each note,

The book needs each word,

The house needs each brick,

The ocean needs each drop of water,

The harvest needs each grain of wheat.

The whole of humanity needs you, as and where you are.

You are unique. No one can take your place.

Michael Quoist in *Prayers*