

49 Poetic Meditations for Counting the Omer or Turning toward a New Year

DAY 4

*Netzach b'Chesed* / Endurance within Loving Kindness

A Muslim man in Jerusalem  
has devoted himself to healing  
deep fissures in his region.

Muslims, Jews and Christians,  
Buddhist monks, Hindu devotees,  
Native American shamans:  
he welcomes and brings us all to his house.  
His wife gives us tea and shares food with us.  
He and his partners for peace  
travel the world, climbing the rocky pathways  
of reconciliation.

Healing relationships can take time,  
endurance.

What relationship would you like  
to see healed?  
What relationships can you help mend  
in the world?  
What is the first step you can take  
toward *tikkun olam*,  
the healing transformation of the world  
to one that is more loving and just?

It may be a tiny shift  
in your most intimate circle,  
or a simple gesture of caring  
for the broader world around you.

In your heart, make yourself a promise.

In your mind's eye  
take a stand and take a step  
through the 4th gate.