

Wishes for Amelia

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I would wish you perfect joy, untouched by sorrow.
I would wish you a life of success, with no failure.
I would wish you a life of love always fulfilled and returned.
I would wish you a world of perfect peace and justice.
I would wish that you find your truth and follow it all your days.

But we all know that life is not perfect, and such wishes are unrealistic.

So instead, I wish that all sorrow you have in your life be tempered by the joy you also find.

I wish that when you fail, you find strength and wisdom in yourself so that you can try again, and achieve your dreams.

I wish that as you search for love, you also choose to love; and if you lose your love, as too often will happen, that you find the will in yourself, and support among family, friends, and community, to fully grieve and then to love again.

I wish that you never walk away from injustice, nor act unjustly, but work with others to build a world more peaceful, more just, more good, and more beautiful for your having been part of it.

And I wish that you are fearless and kind, as you search with mind and heart, questioning, always, to distinguish falsehood from truth, and knowing that there are no sure answers.