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- The second kernel reminds us of our love for each other.
- The third reminds us of God's love and care for us.
- The fourth kernel reminds us of our friends.
- The fifth kernel reminds us that we are a free people.

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