



The following is the text of Gabriela Mistral's speech at a special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, "Message about Human Rights":

Eight years ago, two words reach the multitudes of many nations and millions of men and women, and those are the words we celebrate today as Human Rights.

Many countries were knew this privilege, but not all creatures enjoyed these rights. That day finally arrived eight years ago and today we celebrate it as an Easter Vigil.

They were not just a few the ones that doubted that freedom brings well-being to the people left behind, and it was they, themselves, who had refused such a righteous grace to men and women.

We celebrate the universality of our civil achievement, but in us, there is still a sense of sadness. Let's take an all embracing glance at the world, and we will remain wondering.

On this anniversary, lets remember the wide and well achieved nobel common good attained and with fervor, lets make a pledge that in the 1956 calendar, this day will be absolutely glorious.

The chosen ones that received the divine spark, descended to redeem not only the peoples that came after them.

Those of us present here today, had enough of such a long wait, those of us who accept living as privileged beings, will continue this campaign. In no sacred page is there something akin to privilege, and even less to discrimination: two things that diminish and offend the son of man.

I would be happy if our noble effort to attain Human Rights was adopted in full faith by all the nations of the world. This would be the biggest triumph among those those accomplished in our times.

—Gabriela Mistral