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“We will be saved by love and unity.” These words were once said by St. Sergius of Radonezh to Dmitry Donskoy before the Battle of Kulikovo. I suppose, this quotation was meant to lift the spirit of the soldiers and inspire faith in the best. Its meaning is deep and thought-provoking especially for the Russians. People will be able to defeat their enemy, owing to their unity and love for the motherland.

I am convinced, these words resonate with us even in the modern life because love is a sacrifice. Firstly, a person gives himself or herself to another sincerely — there is no hypocrisy here, here is a real feat. Secondly, the same thing happens during the hard periods for the whole country. People need to stick to each other in order to save their lives and motherland.

The words of St. Sergius of Radonezh were proven in action more than once during the Russian history. The most demonstrative example of peoples’ unity is The Great Patriotic War. During blockade of Leningrad the Soviet people revealed spiritual unity, genuine patriotism and heroic courage in order to defeat the Nazism. The other example of the peoples’ unity was shown in the French invasion of Russia in 1812. Various segments of population participated in this fight. Both young and old stood up to defend the Fatherland.

Summing up, love and unity are the most vital aspects of our living. With the help of them we are able to stand for our rights and freedom, and historic events have proven it already. Only unity and love can overcome the hateful contention in our world.