"At that time there was darkness everywhere.... The murderer murdered, the Jews died, and the world joined in or pretended indifference. Only a few had the courage to intervene. Let us remember what hurts the victim most is not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the unmoved bystanders."

The Auschwitz survivor Elie Wiesel, author, philosopher and humanist, wrote in his book "Between Memory and Hope" about the people who decided to help Jews.
"I think it's really thanks to Lorenzo that I'm alive today - not primarily because of his material help, but because by his presence he constantly reminded me...that outside of ours there was still a just world, things and people that were still pure and intact.... that were worth surviving for."

The Holocaust survivor, partisan, chemist and writer Primo Levi describes his rescuer Lorenzo Perrone in "Is This a Man?"
"These people have come here for help and protection. I am their shepherd. A shepherd does not leave his flock (...). I don't know what a Jew is. I only know people."

The French pastor André Trocmé, when asked by French policemen in the summer of 1942 to reveal the hiding place of Jewish refugees.
"I don't understand your question: surely it is a duty to save the life of a small innocent child."

Jeanne Roger (France), when asked about her motivation to hide a Jewish child in her home