A Reminder  
(Poem by Judy Davies)

As I searched Walmart for a pack of multi-colored paper for a project, its message made me think. I realized our souls are colorless. My project needed pastels but several sheets were black, brown, red and not suitable for my needs.

Having raised my children in the South, I thought prejudice was merely about skin color. However, as I began to travel more, I realized there are many kinds of prejudice; it is widespread and knows no boundaries. It has brought about distrust, hate, violence and war between peoples of varied colors, varied backgrounds, varied lifestyles.

The pack of multi-colored paper brought to mind those differences along with a powerful reminder that our country is a melting pot. Acceptance of our differences and the search for peace begins with me.