For what I'll miss.

Looks like I'll be returning to my office building soon. The last two months working from home have felt...well, uniquely strange. But also surprisingly painless and quite pleasant. Although I'm looking forward to returning to the office, there are things I will miss immensely once this lockdown is over. Three in particular:

- Extra hours with Ray, Lauren, Danny and newest addition to the family, Beni. Seeing them around the house and being able to talk to them during the day has been priceless.

- The soul-soothing and teleporting scents of "White Tea and Sage" and "Sequoia." The first puts me right inside the lobbies of the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin hotels. The latter, in the midst of that woodsy national park. And I would have to add the smell of air-fried foods. Only because we've been consuming quite a bit of chicken nuggets and pizza rolls.

- Lunch time. As enjoyable as our 49th floor office café view is, and the company I keep there, lunching with my gang out on our patio bistro these sunny, breezy days will be tough to match.

These have been blessings of a quarantine I never expected or wanted. And some of the things I will miss the most about working remotely.

What will you miss when you return to the workplace? And what are you thankful for today?

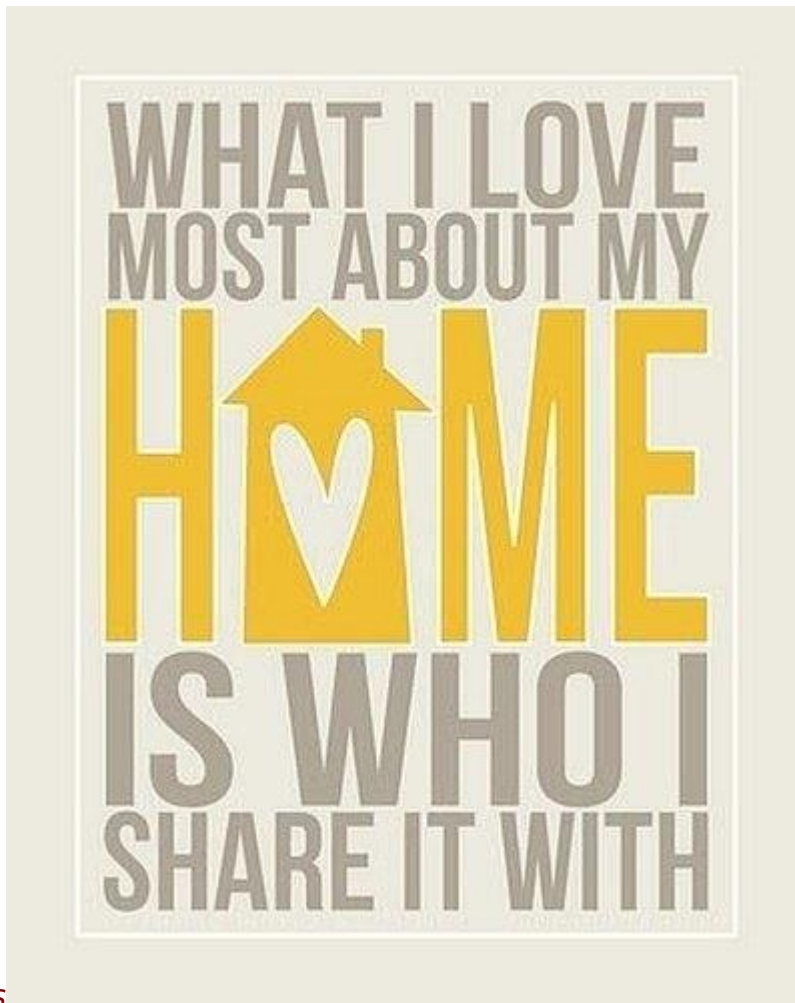Until next Thursday's post...si Dios quiere.

"Other things may change us, but we start and end with family."
-A. Brandt

"Smell is a potent wizard that transports you across thousands of miles and all the years you have lived."
-Helen Keller

"Ask not what you can do for your country, ask what's for lunch."

-Orson Welles

[Note: In case you're not Spanglish-speaking, "si Dios quiere" means God-willing. Mom finished most of her sentences with that phrase. I added it to my sendoff in her honor after her passing.]

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