ARTIST STATEMENT EXAMPLE ONE:

Humans have used prayer and all sorts of belief systems to help us live better lives and be *good*. This has evolved to mean many things but being kind and compassionate to others is the basis of most people's understanding as what it means to be our best selves. *HumanKind- MoonShadow* uses a symbolized tree, home, cross and pi as well as prayer beads to visually communicate humanity's evolving need to be *good* both for our own sakes and that of our fellow creatures.

The tree represents our compassion for nature, the home compassion for humanity, the cross compassion for spiritual thought and the pi symbol represents compassion for scientific knowledge. The prayer beads are used to represent some of the major religions as well as to feel connected to something larger than ourselves. The Moon represents the universe or multiverse depending on your way of thinking.

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ARTIST STATEMENT EXAMPLE TWO:

**Our world of smart phones and tweets has created the illusion of connectedness. Authentic connectedness arises from sharing acts of kindness. Listening, appreciating, seeing, and being truly present in each other’s company not only connects us on a human level, but also sets us free to evolve and reach our full potential. Through acts of kindness, we begin to free ourselves by finding the sacred in the mundane of everyday life.**

* **Victoria Sivigny**