

Par Excellence Academy

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Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' -

Martin Luther King, Jr.

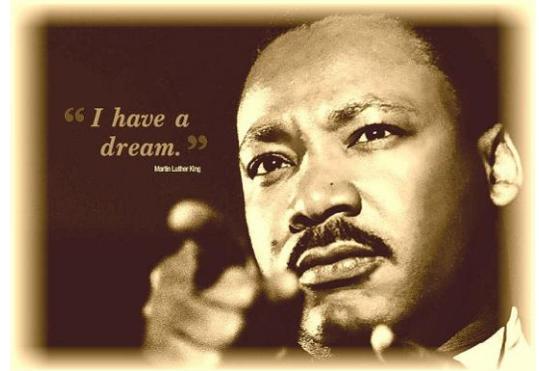
Martin Luther King, Jr. Quotes

"Never succumb to the temptation of bitterness."

"Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude."

Martin Luther King, Jr.,

- Fought for justice through peaceful protest
- Delivered some of the 20th century's most iconic speeches
- Civil rights legend
- Led the movement to end segregation and counter prejudice in the United States through the means of peaceful protest.



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| 2 | 3 AFTER SCHOOL | 4 AFTER SCHOOL | 5 AFTER SCHOOL | 6 AFTER SCHOOL | 7 2 ND GRADING PERIOD ENDS | 8 |
| 9 Read and Response!! | 10 AFTER SCHOOL SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS | 11 AFTER SCHOOL | 12 AFTER SCHOOL | 13 AFTER SCHOOL | 14 REPORT CARDS GO HOME | 15 Have a relaxing, long weekend |
| 16 Read a book about Martin Luther King, Jr | 17 NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY | 18 NO SCHOOL STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | 19 AFTER SCHOOL | 20 Family Fun Night - More info to come AFTER SCHOOL | 21 | 22 Visit a library Help someone today! |
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***Be prepared for the possibility of a 2-hour delay or a snow day. [Please do not assume that we will follow Newark City Schools delay/closures.](#) Par Excellence Academy families will receive all calls and texts. [Keep your information updated in the office.](#) [Clear out any old phone messages.](#) [Set up your voicemail.](#) Watch the central Ohio TV stations.

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Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968)

Born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.

In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December 1955, to accept the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States, the bus boycott described by Gunnar Jahn in his presentation speech in honor of the laureate. The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses, Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals. During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a Negro leader of the first rank.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity, its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; and meanwhile he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience. and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.

At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

Inspirational Quotes from Dr. King

"The time is always right to do what is right."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that."

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."