

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



Was an American clergyman, activist, and prominent leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement.<sup>[1]</sup> He is best known for being an iconic figure in the advancement of civil rights in the United States and around the world, using nonviolent methods following the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. A Baptist minister, King became a civil rights activist early in his career.<sup>[4]</sup>

He led the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957, serving as its first president.

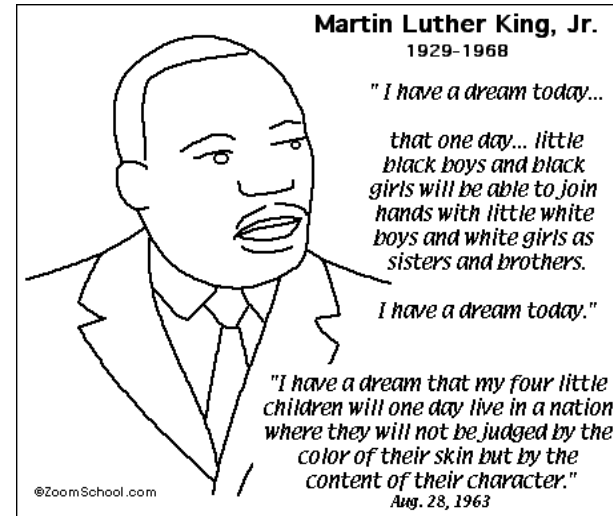
King's efforts led to the 1963 March on Washington, where King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. There, he expanded American values to include the vision of a color blind society, and established his reputation as one of the greatest orators in American history.

In 1964, King became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to end racial segregation and racial discrimination through civil disobedience and other nonviolent means.

By the time of his death in 1968, he had refocused his efforts on ending poverty and stopping the Vietnam War. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and Congressional Gold Medal in 2004; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established as a U.S. federal holiday in 1986



## Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration-Day 2012



The Honorable Dr. Alex D. Blanco, Mayor

The Honorable Gary Schaer, Council President  
The Honorable Zaida Polanco, Councilwoman  
The Honorable Jose Garcia, Councilman  
The Honorable Hector C. Lora, Councilman  
The Honorable Chaim Munk, Councilman  
The Honorable Terrence L. Love, Councilman  
The Honorable Daniel Schwartz, Councilman

January 24, 2012

## P R O G R A M

1. Libation-Deacon Eddie Little Jr.,  
Chairman of the Black Forum of  
Passaic, NJ
2. The singing of "Lift Every  
Voice and Sing" Lead by Mr. Keith  
Place, Mr. Kevin Place and Mr.  
Randy Kenner
3. Praise Dance- Mr. Marques McCoy
4. "A Dream" Poem Performed by Cheryl  
Ward Author of "It's All About Me  
and You"
5. A selection by Mr. Keith  
Place, Mr. Kevin Place and Mr.  
Randy Kenner
6. Remarks by Reverend Carey E. Mc  
Call III, Pastor of The Saint Paul  
Baptist Church of Passaic, NJ

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"The Black National Anthem"  
By James Weldon Johnson

## **LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING** "The Black National Anthem" By James Weldon Johnson

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise,  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn has died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our fathers signed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way; Thou who has by thy might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray,  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,  
Shadowed beneath thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.