## MARTIN LUTHER KING

Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude

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No singular person has so significantly influenced the social standings of a race of people and

their treatment in society as Martin Luther King, Jr. Born Michael King on January 15th, 1929,

Martin grew up in a Christian family in Atlanta, Georgia. A highly intelligent individual, King's

extensive education at numerous institutions influenced his ideals and who he later became.

Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle As he grew older, he rose to fame for his passionate, but nonviolent methods of protest against racism. Throughout his life, he had many monumental achievements that defined his place in history and influenced people of all upbringings across multiple generations. An inspirational person of character, Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream to change the world, and he transcended racial barriers to impact American society in a profound way. If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

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## **HIS WAY OF THINKING**

King saw everybody as equal and always respected everybody despite their ignorance. He was committed to instituting equality and fair treatment for all and has had a lasting impact on American society. "...King and his followers moved into St. Augustine, Fl., one of America's most thoroughly segregated cities after weeks of non violent demonstrations and violent counter attacks by whites, a biracial committee was set up to move St. Augustine towards desegregation" (Lincoln. C. Eric). King truly believed that one could make his message clear in a peaceful way. This moral standard of King's is inspiring because true heroes respect everyone, no matter what others say or do to them. He had a set of values and wanted to share them with the world to improve the way people live their lives. King has greatly contributed to American society by practically eliminating segregation and drastically reducing racism. True heroes always act with character, although not surpassing their own humanity.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy

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He inspired millions as well as me to have courage and faith in others, the goal of his actions were to help others. His message in his famous I Have A Dream Speech reminded the nation that love is not to be restricted by color but instead for everyone. Because of his passion and courage, my life is now full of people from different ethnicities and backgrounds than me. He taught me that the best way to make a change is to do so with respect for everyone, no matter the circumstances. Through his harsh trials and tribulations, I understand that even in the face of hate, change is possible.



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