

"Oppressed people cannot remain oppressed forever. The urge for freedom will eventually come.

— MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
from Letter from the Birmingham Jail

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A voice for freedom

Today, the memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. resonates.

"Let freedom ring ..."

This day is set aside to honor a key figure — some would say, the key figure — in the American civil rights movement.

"From the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire, let freedom ring!"

King was a man committed to striking down the institutions of racial injustice.

"From the mighty mountains of New York, let freedom ring!"

He would not do it by striking blows.

"From the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania, let freedom ring!"

He would do it by striking chords.

"From the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado, let freedom ring!"

Chords of emotion, as in the March on Washington.

"From the curvaceous peaks of California, let freedom ring!"

And chords of impassioned logic, as in the Letter from the Birmingham Jail.

"But not only that; let freedom ring from the Stone Mountain of Georgia!"

King's achievements were great, but the work he began remains unfinished.

"Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring."



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