

Saluting Martin Luther King Jr.



"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

— Martin Luther King Jr.



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Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Timeline

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- Gov. George C. Wallace tries to stop the court ordered integration of the University of Alabama by "standing in the schoolhouse door" and personally refusing entrance to black students and Justice Department officials. President John F. Kennedy then federalizes the Alabama National Guard and Gov. Wallace removes himself from blocking the entrance of the students.



- Medgar Evers, NAACP leader in Jackson, Miss., is assassinated at his home.

- The March on Washington, the first large-scale integrated protest march, is held in Washington, D.C. Dr. King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Afterwards he and other civil-rights leaders meet with President John F. Kennedy in the White House.

King urged President Johnson's challenge for Congress to pass constitutional legislation that had been deadlocked upon the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963. Publicly supporting Johnson through the Civil Rights Act and a decisive reelection in 1964, King expressed optimism that Johnson's term would benefit African Americans until the April 4, 1967 "Beyond Vietnam" speech revealed King's disillusionment with Johnson's progress.

- Gov. Wallace orders Alabama state troopers to stop the court-ordered integration of Alabama's elementary and high schools until he is enjoined by court injunction. Four young girls are killed in a Birmingham church bombing.



- President Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

1964

- The Council of Federated Organizations initiates the Mississippi Summer Project, a voter-registration drive organized and run by black and white students; Dr. King joins other SCLC workers in a demonstration for the integration of public accommodations in St. Augustine, Fla. He is jailed.

- Dr. King's book, *Why We Can't Wait*, is published by Harper & Row; Three civil-rights workers, James Chaney (black), Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner (both white), are reported missing after a short trip to Philadelphia, Miss.

- Dr. King attends the signing of the Public Accommodations Bill, (Part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964) by President Lyndon B. Johnson in the White House.

- Riots occur in Harlem, N.Y. One black man is killed. Riots occur in New Jersey, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

- The bodies of civil-rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner are discovered by FBI agents buried near the town of Philadelphia,

Although Malcolm X continued to reject King's nonviolent, integrationist approach, the two had a brief, cordial encounter on March 26, 1964 as King left a press conference at the U.S. Capitol. Soon thereafter, Malcolm wired King to offer his support of King's campaign in St. Augustine, Florida.

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"When evil men shout ugly words of hatred, good men must commit themselves to the glories of love. Where evil men would seek to perpetuate an unjust status quo, good men must seek to bring into being a real order of justice."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

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- Maya Angelou

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