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Martin Luther King was born on January 15th 1929.

He was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the Civil Rights Movement.

He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using the tactics of nonviolence and civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs and inspired by the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi.



King's legal name at birth was Michael King, but his father changed his and his son's names and he chose to be called Martin Luther King in honor of the German reformer Martin Luther.

His parents were both African-American and he also had Irish ancestry through his paternal great-grandfather.

Growing up in Atlanta, King attended Booker T. Washington High School.



Among his many efforts, King headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Through his activism and inspirational speeches he played a pivotal role in ending the legal segregation of African-American citizens in the United States, as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.



**U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson talking
with Martin Luther King, Jr., in the Oval
Office at the White House.**

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Photo



President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the 1964 Civil Rights Act as Martin Luther King, Jr., and others look on, Washington, D.C., July 2, 1964.



Arm in arm, Martin Luther King, Jr., and his wife, Coretta Scott King, leading the voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, March 1965.



Martin Luther King with his family.



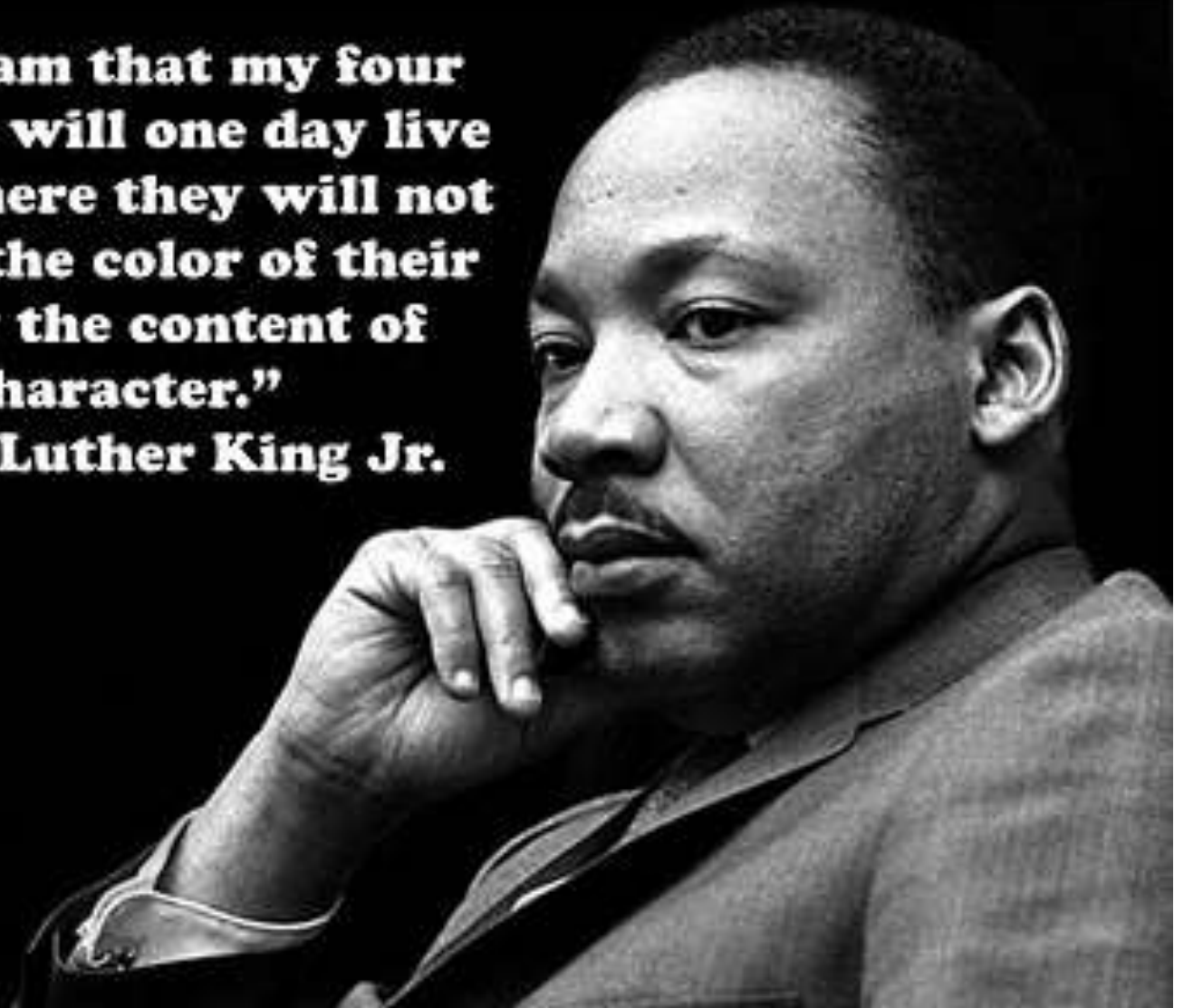
On October 14, 1964, King **received the Nobel Peace Prize** for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance.

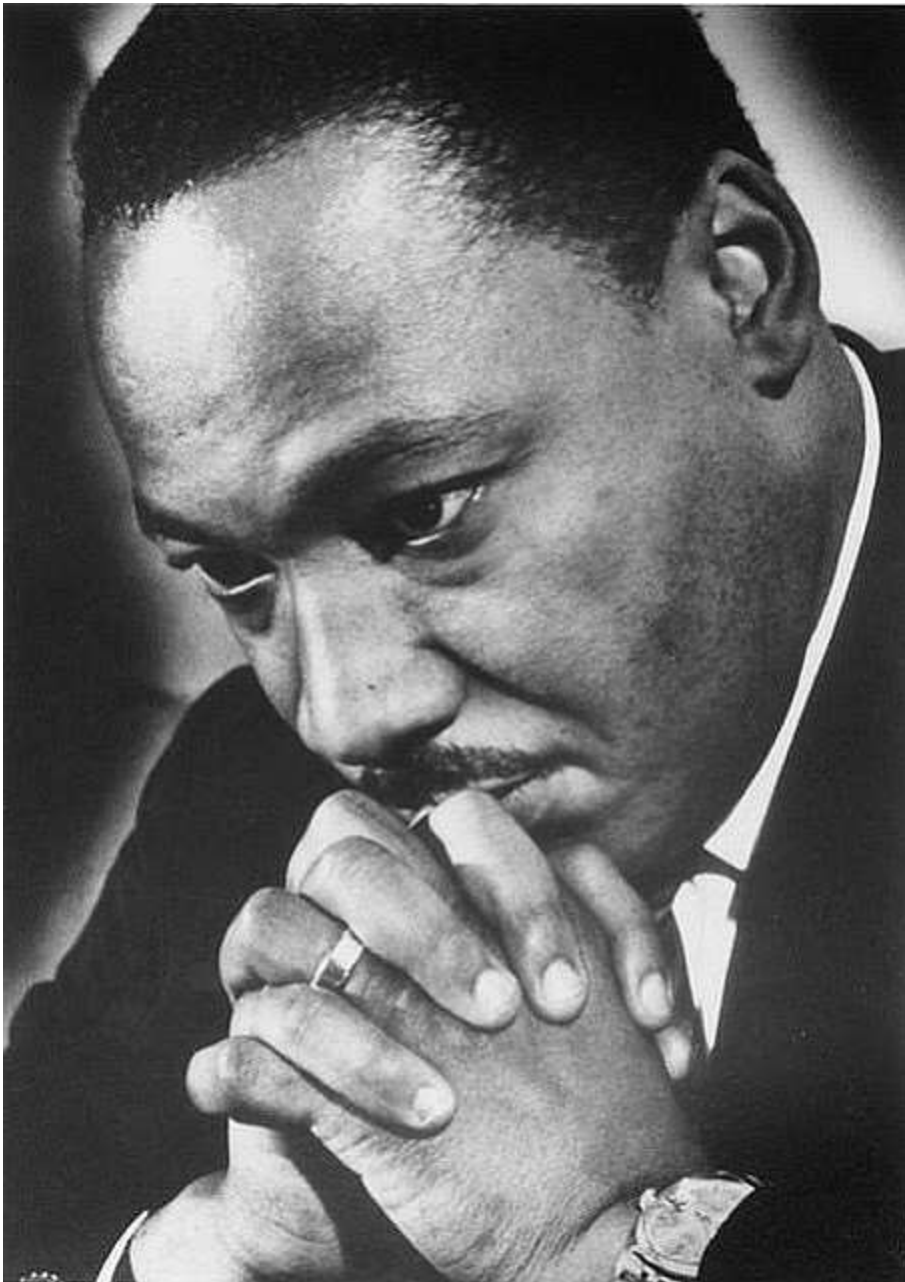
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ANYWHERE
is a THREAT
to **JUSTICE**
EVERYWHERE.



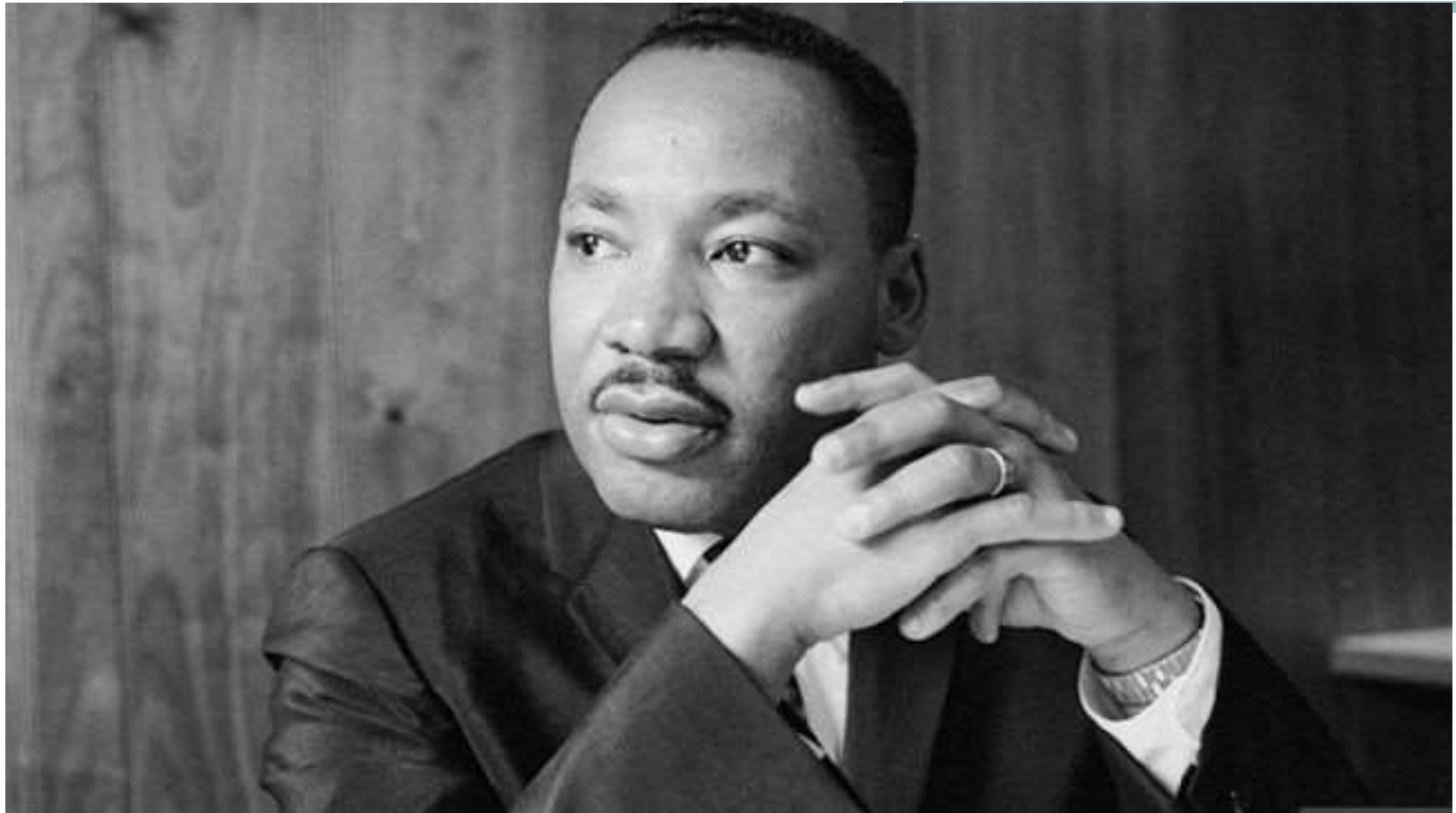
“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.





“You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”



“If you can’t fly, then run, if you can’t run, then walk, if you can’t walk, then crawl, but by all means keep moving.”



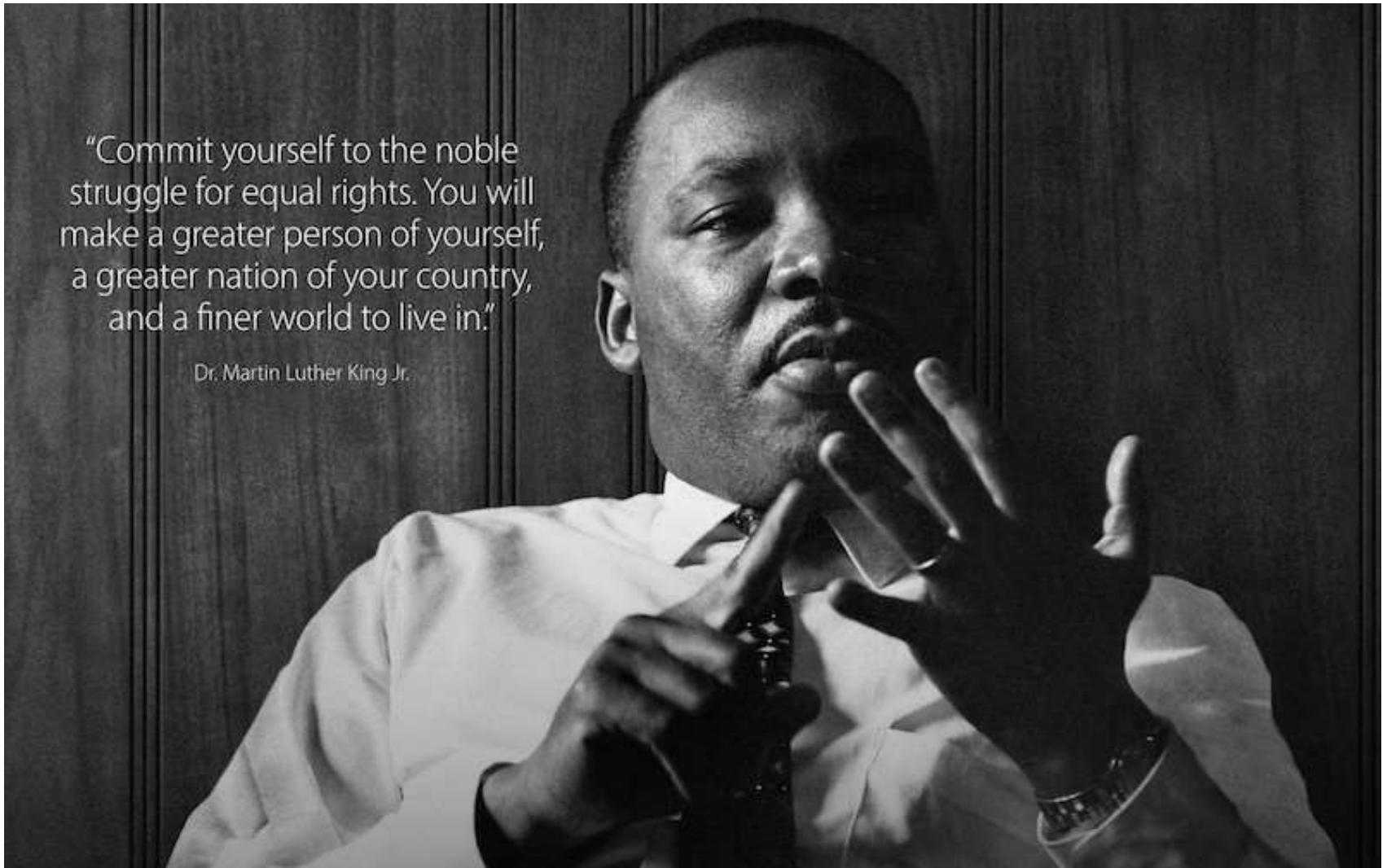
“Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom. A man can’t ride you unless your back is bent.”



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

"Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

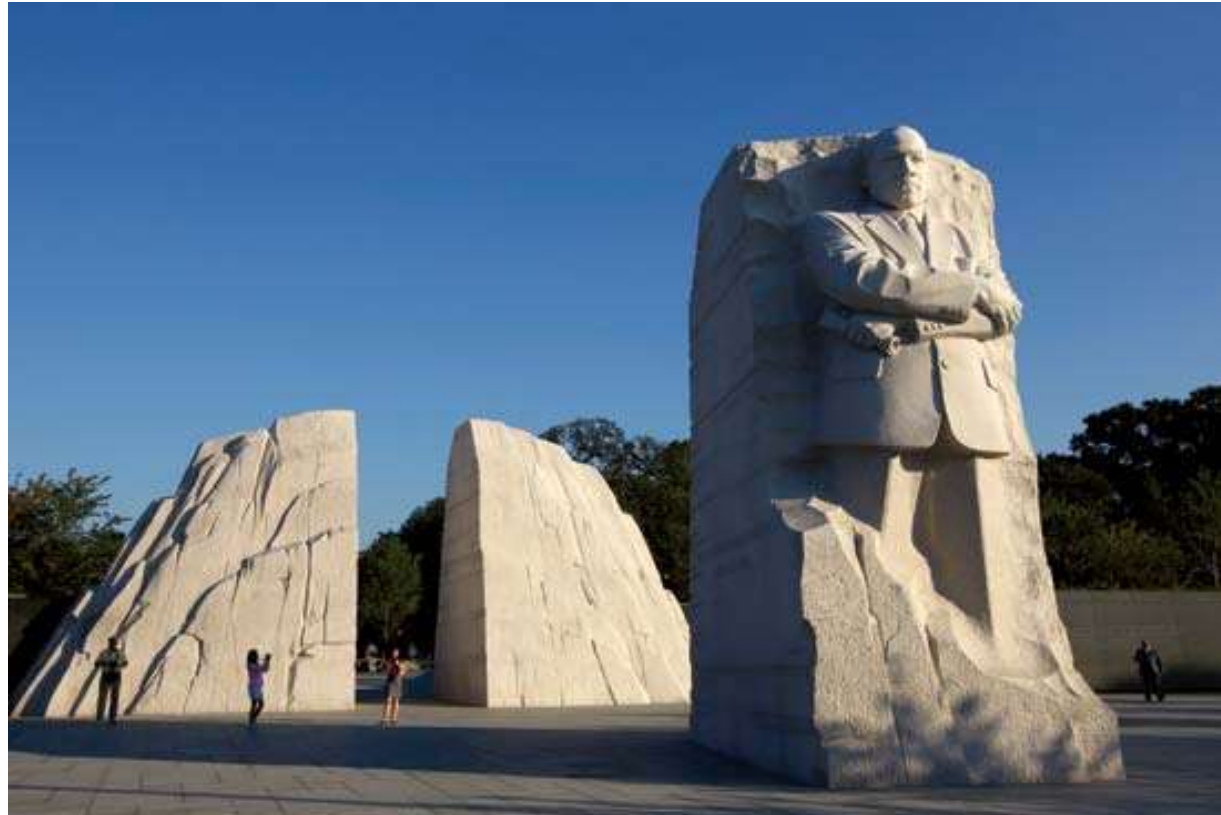




Martin Luther King Jr., was fatally shot at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s life had a seismic impact on race relations in the United States.

Years after his death, he is the most widely known African-American leader of his era. His life and work have been honored with a national holiday, schools and public buildings named after him and a memorial on Independence Mall in Washington, D.C.



**Martin Luther King, Jr.
National Memorial, Washington, D.C.**



Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King's sarcophagus, located on the grounds of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site in Atlanta, Georgia.



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