

# 2020 WINNING INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES OF PEACE

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## A DOVE

A dove, trapped within bars of war  
Who will let it out; let it soar?  
You? Me?  
Who will set peace free?  
The world aches for brighter skies  
With wings of love, we can fly

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**Dear MLK JR.**

Montgomery Bus Boycott to March on  
Washington  
Little by little, you changed our perception  
Kindness renewed our history  
Journey led to victory  
Reverend, we salute you in admiration

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## FOLLOW THE LEGACY

Dr King fought for everyone  
who didn't have a voice.  
We as people also have that choice.  
Don't be scared to fight for what's right.  
Let's create a world  
that does not live in fright.

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## USE YOUR DREAM

Use your Dream  
Like Martin Luther King  
You can help people your own way  
You can show them the way  
They'll follow your footsteps  
They'll remember your words  
Use your dream  
Like Martin Luther King

Kaydon Jones, Grade 4  
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## A TRIBUTE TO MARTIN

Your words are an inspiration  
Your actions are peace  
Your effort inspired others  
You treated people like family  
Because of you, laws changed  
Your actions and words spoke loud in others  
Because of you, we are now free

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## GROWING WITH HATE

Fertilized with hate, there is no debate  
Shameful, you don't even know me  
But society has helped to grow me  
In the face of hate, I choose my own fate  
Love, peace, and faith

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## **WE CAN TOGETHER MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Don't be afraid of the stormy nights,  
Be like an eagle and soar high.  
To shelter the disappearing peace,  
Wake up! with a hope to change.  
Alone I can't plant a sampling of peace,  
And fight against violence and fear,  
You and I make a perfect 'we'  
To Bring a Difference

Srishti Kala, Class XI  
Him Jyoti School  
Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India

## **A DREAM**

Once I dreamt of a world  
Of strangers walking together,  
Hand in hand.  
Imagine how that world would look like!  
Peace is not about doing big things,  
But in little acts of kindness.  
Wiping tears and spreading smiles,  
As envisioned by the King.

Rupmaya Chettri, Class IX  
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## **TO PEACE**

You haunt my dreams  
The world is surrounded by you  
Your loving smile comforts millions  
The messenger dove flies  
Your gentle attitude makes nations prosper  
"Peace, where are you?"  
"My dear child, I am in your heart."

Qu Rui, Grade 10  
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Foreign Language School  
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## **WE REMEMBER A KING!**

We remember MLK and honor him  
on this special day.  
He had a dream that we stand,  
united together in this land.  
We strive to find a way,  
to live as friends in peace today

Desi Holloway, Grade 3  
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## **A SEED OF PEACE**

Peace is like a seed  
That has been planted  
In the garden of love  
When it grows  
It will spread joy and happiness  
Throughout the world

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## **PEACE**

Peace, a way for Darkness to turn to Light.  
Peace, like a soft voice calming you down  
or a horse galloping in a grassy field.  
Peace, a warming hug filled with love.  
Peace can be reached  
inside the darkness of one.  
Thank you, peace

Avani Hawkins, Grade 5  
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Lithonia, Georgia, USA

### **A LETTER TO MY VOICE**

Dear Voice,  
Say something worth remembering,  
Cure the children who are trembling,  
Bring peace; Make the hate cease.  
Change the world. Let them know  
That they might have killed the dreamer,  
But they never killed the dream.

Samantha Fuentes-Horta, Grade 8  
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### **I DREAM, TOO**

Dreams of a land for all play in my head  
Racism gone, there is peace instead  
Everyone together, hand in hand  
Away to peace in this land  
Marching on, to our destination

Adja Samb, Grade 8  
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Riverdale, Georgia, USA

### **THE BEST OF ME**

What would Dr. King see, if he saw me?  
Would he see I'm kind, and not mean?  
Or would he see the size of me?  
Would he see my heart is warm?  
Or would he think I mean him harm?  
My differences, would he accept?  
Or would he see threats  
I have a dream, a dream I believe,  
That when YOU see ME  
You see the BEST of me.

Kareem Cobb, Grade 5  
D.L. Sims Elementary School  
Conyers, Georgia, USA

### **STILL WE FIGHT**

Still we fight!  
Coretta, Coretta you fought for what's right.  
Hoping and striving to make the days bright.  
You suffered a loss but continued the fight  
For change and equality.  
Still we fight!

Samiyah Taylor, Kindergarten  
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### **HE WALKED**

Martin Luther King walked for us  
Without using violence or hatred  
He unites us as people of God  
He showed what it meant to truly love  
By walking for us he changed the world  
He walked so that we could run

Imani Crowder, Grade 5  
St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School  
Decatur, Georgia, USA

### **JOINING HANDS**

Let's join together,  
A different color for a different rose  
As wonderful fragrances dispel in the air  
We join our hands to unite as one  
Though our colors may be different  
In the end, we're all the same flower  
With different names as petals.

Jaseng Nhkum, Grade 6  
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## **ROSES OF PEACE**

Roses  
A symbol of Hope, Friendship, Harmony,  
Love, Promises and new beginnings.  
A symbol of triumphant peace.  
Serenity. Openness.  
With tender hands we plant our seeds  
And with serene hearts,  
We reap our roses of peace.  
Roses.

Autumn K. Simonds, Grade 11  
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## **PEACE!**

Peace  
I say please have PEACE!  
Fathers, uncles, cousins, brothers  
Aunts, grandparents, children and mothers!  
People please realize  
Peace is where the solution lies  
Now I say please, please  
Have some PEACE!!!!

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## **I WILL**

I will bring peace  
I will not bring violence  
I will not hate; I will love  
Love always wins  
This is what Martin Luther King Jr. said  
He helped change the world  
And so can I

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## **THE MESSAGE ABOUT FORGIVENESS**

When you forgive you learn how to...  
Love; Care for others  
Respect one another; Teach one another  
Learn from your mistakes  
Be helpful...And be supportive  
When you forgive someone,  
You are also being forgiven

Jaila Tisdale, Grade 8  
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## **I AM POSSIBLE**

I have a dream  
To have the world beam  
At a young black woman  
Who'll change the lives of all humans  
And this is possible  
Because Dr. King thought it possible  
That all people of any skin hue  
Could change the world for me and for you

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## **WHAT IS PEACE?**

Peace is not an action.  
Peace is not anger.  
Peace is a great feeling,  
Because Peace gives everybody  
A feeling to be loved.  
Peace gives kindness  
And because you have Peace,  
You will always achieve.

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## THE STATE OF BEING AT PEACE

Composure, Stillness, Serenity, Placidity,  
Motionless, Imperturbable, Tranquil, Sedateness.

These are all words that portray you  
as being even-tempered or being at peace.

Find yourself, know yourself, love yourself,  
and you shall find your peace.

Peace is you!

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## A LETTER TO MOTHER CORETTA KING

Good morning:

While I was trembling in fear last night,  
you put your hand on my heart to make it  
all go away. I woke up to find you a tear in  
a refugee's eye and a smile on a child's  
face. Thank you for your enlightenment,  
for the misery of the world is gone.

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## NEW MOON: MARTIN KING

He's a person who lightened the night  
of the persecuted to let them be hopeful  
that there is a way to gain freedom  
and practice their human rights.

They just look at the sky  
whenever they get suppressed.

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## THE GAME CHANGER

A civil rights leader never was a cheater.

Never was a liar, helped stop the fire.

He helped the losing team,

By standing up and saying,

"I have a dream."

When everyone was discouraged,

He helped encourage.

We look at his grave and say,

"You helped change the game."

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## PEACE

If you are peaceful you are calm  
Peace is sharing; Peace is love  
Peace is mindfulness  
Peace is inside of you and me  
Peace is learning to love yourself  
That is the greatest love of all  
And to never walk in anyone's shadow  
If you have peace you have love

Alayah Garner, Grade 4  
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## THE GOOD DEED EVERYONE SHOULD DO

Martin Luther King, the King of kindness  
The deeds he has done should be done every day  
The words he has spoken  
should be spoken every day  
His dreams of peace we should dream every day  
This generation will be the new  
Kings and Queens of kindness

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