2012 Inspirational Messages of Peace Contest Winners
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COURAGE

Courage leads to peace…
It makes happiness,
It brings tranquility,
It brought us together.
Who would have known
That if one man was courageous,
Then the whole world would change,
Forever!

Molly Grace Clark, Grade 4
Atlanta International School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

PEACE GARDEN

The seed of hope is planted
in the soil of friendship.
Then the rain of freedom falls.
The sun of happiness gleams down
when the flowers of love bloom.
It means peace has sprung.

Haley Patton, Grade 4
Atlanta International School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

PEACE

Peace is like love
Without peace,
It's a broken winged bird
that cannot fly
Peace starts with you and me
Peace is Joy, Love, Kindness
Peace is Freedom
Peace is for you and me

Diamond Williams, Grade 3
Susie B. Atkinson Elementary School
Griffin, Georgia, USA

MY HERO

From bricks to batons,
He remained strong.
No force could conquer his quest.
Attacks were outrageous,
Yet his dream was contagious.
His life was shortened, such a precious thing,
But his legacy of peace lives on,
Much gratitude to Martin Luther King.

Sydni Gilmore, Grade 7
Coretta Scott King Young
Women's Leadership Academy
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

EQUAL RIGHTS

Dr. King fought for equal rights
The laws weren't fair
They weren't right
He made a speech
So that one day we might
Judge each other by character
And not by sight

Andreona Walker, Grade 3
A.F. Herndon Elementary School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

YES WE CAN

Yes we can love each other.
Yes we can be kind to each other.
Yes we can help each other.
Carry on Dr. King's dream!

Jada Thompson, Grade 2
New Generation Christian Fellowship
Griffin, Georgia, USA

PEACE

Pardoning is an example of peace
Enemy is not in my vocabulary
Arrogance can make you unpopular
Communicate with your peers
Everyone can and should show peace

Zakiya Tindal, Grade 7
St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School
Decatur, Georgia, USA

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Martin Luther King made speeches
For blacks and whites to become a Team.
He made a speech that was named,
"I HAVE A DREAM."
By speaking the way he did
He educated, he inspired.

Jalesa Tally, Grade 3
Anne Street Elementary School
Griffin, Georgia, USA

MARTIN LUTHER KING

MLK was a great man
He had a great plan
For blacks and whites to get along
And come together with a bond
Today we remember him
And everything he did
I won't forget him
Even though I'm a kid

London Randolph, Grade 3
Hope-Hill Elementary School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

PEACE IS IN THE AIR

Peace is in the air
Peace is everywhere
The peace that you share,
Think of it as care
Look at peace, listen to how it sounds
It is calm like the air

Taliah Boston, Grade 3
Hope-Hill Elementary School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

PEACE IS LIKE A WATERFALL

Peace is like a waterfall of calmness

It pours joy and friendship

It never ceases to flow

It is surrounded by a garden of happiness

Ellie Howell, Grade 7
Junior Girls, Lake Shrine Sunday School
Pacific Palisades, California, USA

REACHING GOD'S PEACE IN A WORLD OF CHAOS

Let all your troubles pour out of you
like a large river after it rains.
Imagine yourself floating away
from the chaos in the world.
Cross the path of love,
and follow your devotion for God.
Then soar to the highest stars.
You have reached God's garden of peace.

Leela Gowland, Grade 5
Primary Girls, Lake Shrine Sunday School
Pacific Palisades, California, USA

A HERO

Dr. King, you are my hero.
Because of you I can grow!
Your dream came true for me to see.
Now I can be all I can be!

Yaima Moreno, Grade 1
Peyton Forest elementary School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

THE BEST

Dr. King you are the Best!
You have passed the greatest test!
You really, really gave us your all.
Now because of that we can stand tall.

Omarion Phillips, Grade 1
Peyton Forest elementary School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

PEACE...

Peace is the river flowing through a dried land
Peace is the assistance of a helping hand
Everyone needs peace in their lives
For it is the force that allows us to thrive

Alyyah Muhammad, Grade 9
The Blackstone Academy

COLOUR

Black and White are just colours
Not a reason for discrimination
People are just people
Not a reason for fighting in a war
And peace and love must be the only
Feelings living in our heart

Carlos Heredia López, Grade 5
Colegio Enrique Rébsamen
Mexico City, Mexico

PEACE FOR ALL

Children ask for toys
Prisoners, freedom,
And I ask for PEACE
We do not ever stop.
Peace is justice,
Justice is love,
And love is all I want.

Meredith Mayo Miranda, Grade 6
Colegio Enrique Rébsamen
Mexico City, Mexico

EVERLASTING MEMORY

Firmly, you cherished a dream,
Brightened the hopes, kindled the flames,
Fought against racial discrimination;
Never was a yielder
Your memory will always live
Like the sweet fragrance that floats
In World Peace Rose Gardens, uninterruptedly

Zhexian Wang, Grade 11
High School Attached to Shandong Normal University
Jinan City, Shandong Province, China

THE GARDENER OF EQUALITY

He planted a tree of equality
He sowed a seed of respect
He gave his love
To make the flower of human rights
Forever blooming
He is a gardener of equality
He's Martin Luther King

Yunqing Zhou, Grade 11
Shandong Experimental High School, China
Jinan City, Shandong Province, China

A FINGERPRINT

How wonderful it is to have a garden guard,
Someone who defends every flower,
Protects them from shriveling,
Waters them, willingly,
Some like Martin Luther King,
Who left a fingerprint on the wall of history!

Naheel Usama Sadawi, Grade 8
Rafah Girls Prep D
Gaza Strip, The Middle East

WE ARE NOT DIFFERENT

We are of same blood
We breathe the same air
Look to the same sky
Live under the same sun
Sleep on the same earth
Our souls seek peace
We are all the sons and daughters
Of Adam and Eve

Hania Majdi Al Jamal, Grade 9
Rafah Prep Girls C
Gaza Strip, The Middle East

LOVE IS LIKE A FLOWER

Love is like a flower
We should water it with love and kindness
Love is life
If we miss love, we miss life

Reaksmey Eng, Grade 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School
College Park, Georgia, USA

A RAINBOW OF HANDS

America used to be a blank, grey sky,
But then Dr. King dreamed of a rainbow of hands
joined together
- no hate, just love -
Dr. King fought lightning, thunder, and rain
to bring us his dream.
This country is now a rainbow of hands
joined together
No hate, just love.

Alex Opsahl, Grade 6
Inman Middle School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

HUMBLE LIKE A ROSE

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Humble like a rose
A civil rights leader
Everyone should know
He dreamt of everyone being kind
And couldn't get it off his mind
He said it in front of the people
So we all can be equal.

Adam Woods, Grade 7
Southport Elementary School
West Sacramento, California, USA

PEACE AND LOVE

Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream
To have equality and peace
I have the same dream
To have peace and love
Everyone should listen
With their ears
And think with love and peace.

Eriah Moore-Clay, Grade 8
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DREAM ALIVE

Let's keep His dream alive.
Let's live in unity.
From MLK, we've learned the way
Of embracing serenity.
"Let peace thrive within us," we pray
So we may teach love
To all people each day.

Jenifer Kulow, Grade 8
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HOW PEACE BEGINS

Peace begins with saying, "I'm sorry"
Peace begins with being Honest
And showing Trust
Peace begins with showing
Love and Respect towards others
Peace Begins With ME!

Jainabu Bah, Grade 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School
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I Wish

I wish I were wind,
Blowing away the haze of hatred,
I wish I were a flare,
Lighting up humanity by playing fair
I wish I were spring showers
Sprouting eternal peace on flowers

Shuangchen Yu, Grade 10
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PEACE IS HAPPINESS

Martin Luther King,
With your effort
You helped Americans
To end racial problems
Now America is a better place
To live in because of your
Peaceful fight!

Emmanuel Martinez Mazier, Grade 1
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