

## **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Quote Submissions**

1. "The evils of capitalism are as real as the evils of militarism and evils of racism." - 18
2. "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." - 41
3. "But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars." - 18
4. "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last! - 11
5. "No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream." - 29
6. "Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and foster such a tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue." – 9
7. ".....we have not made a single gain in civil rights without determined legal and nonviolent pressure. - 7
8. "[P]rivileged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily." - 29
9. "Perhaps a new spirit is rising among us." - 8
10. "Yes, we are on the move and no wave of racism can stop us." – 14
11. "The road ahead is not altogether a smooth one." – 16
12. "Somebody's asking, 'How long will prejudice blind the visions of men[?]'"" - 13
13. "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." - 3
14. "The time is always right to do what is right." - 2
15. "I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values."
16. "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."
17. "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."
18. "Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world, declaring eternal opposition to poverty, racism and militarism."
19. "We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."
20. "I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."
21. "The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood."
22. "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."
23. "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programming of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."
24. "Capitalism was built on exploitation and suffering of black slaves and continues to thrive on the exploitation of the poor – both black and white, both here and abroad."
25. "We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers." - 2
26. "When evil men plot, good men must plan. When evil men burn and bomb, good men must build and bind. When evil men shout ugly words of hatred, good men must commit themselves to the glories of love."

27. "There is not even a common language when the term 'equality' is used. Negro and white have a fundamentally different definition."
28. "Negroes have proceeded from a premise that equality means what it says, and they have taken white Americans at their word when they talked of it as an objective. But most whites in American in 1967, including many persons of goodwill, proceed from a premise that equity is a loose expression for improvement. White American is not even psychologically organized to close the gap – essentially it seeks only to make it less painful and less obvious but in most respects to retrain it."