

# The Lakeside



## Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday January 19, 2026 - Habakkuk 3: 19

**19 The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.**

Read Habakkuk 3 for meditation and inspiration.



## ***REFLECTING ON THE LEGACY OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.***

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

As we recognize this anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birth, we can see the threads of liberty woven across the centuries. That pattern we must take up every day: to be present as Dr. King was called to be present – knowing that anywhere there is injustice, it reflects everywhere. He eloquently stated: "...I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere in this country." – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Letter from a Birmingham Jail

He continued this quest for justice stating: "We must come to see with the distinguished jurist of yesterday that "justice too long delayed is justice denied." We have waited for more than three hundred and forty years for our constitutional and God-given rights." - Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Letter From a Birmingham Jail

The enduring image of Dr. King for most Americans is of the great leader standing before a microphone and speaking soul-shaking, transformational words of truth. His speeches—whether "Give Us the Ballot" or "I Have a Dream"—powerfully examine the state of

American democracy and call this nation to its highest self. His “Letter from a Birmingham Jail” is among the most powerful messages of social justice ever delivered from behind bars.

However, Dr. King’s extraordinary oratorical and rhetorical gifts were only part of the reason that he became such a powerful civil rights leader. He also garnered the respect of people from around the country because of his willingness to sacrifice for his beliefs. This meant that Dr. King often allowed himself to be arrested and held in jail.

We pause today to remember what the testimony and witness of one person can accomplish if they persist and remain faithful to the call and claim of God on their lives. You and I have God’s call and claim as we pray that God will give us the strength to be faithful to that call praying to hear the benediction on our lives: “Well, done good and faithful servant.”

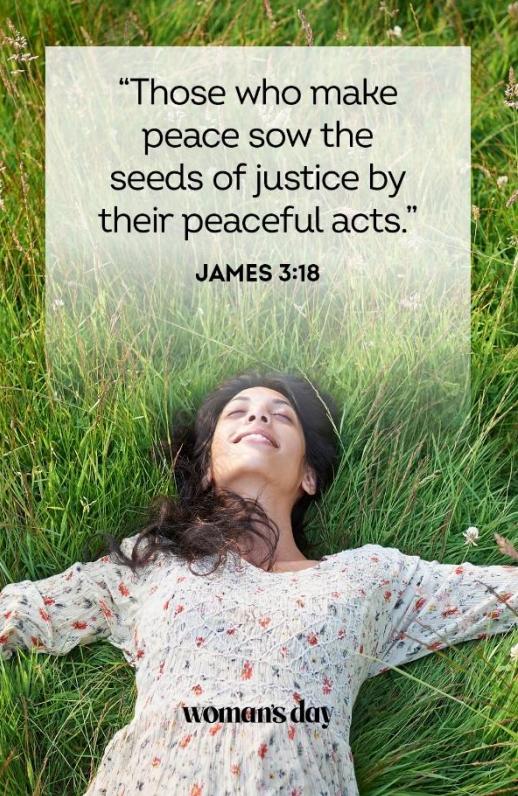
In faithfulness,



Roger

**"Peace is more than just the absence of war. True peace is justice, true peace is freedom. And true peace dictates the recognition of human rights."**

- Ronald Reagan -



“Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.”

JAMES 3:18

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**ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR:**

**January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr Day**  
**January 20 – 8:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast**  
**January 22 – 11:30 AM – Ladies’ BYOL Bible Study**  
**January 23 – 6:00 PM - AXIOS Youth**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:**

- a. Fsmily and friends of Amy Elise – (friend of Nancy Jones)**
- b. Bob Beatty - (friend of Hunter Morgan)**
- c. Lou Berdoll – (brother of Larry Berdoll)**
- d. Rev. Paul Beresford**
- e. Judy Breeden**
- f. Blanche Burdge**
- g. Paul Cavanagh (son in law of Chris Stewart)**
- h. Amy Clark – mother of Clara, Colin, and Clark Aliapoulios**
- i. Anne Conway – (aunt of Scott Thompson)**
- j. Lorna Conway (cousin of Scott Thompson)**
- k. Ferguson family**
- l. Sandy Hancock – (friend of Nancy Bailey and Fran Thew)**
- m. Donna Harris**
- n. Gail Howell**
- o. David Kraftchak**
- p. Chris Lambert**
- q. Philip Littles (friend of Fran Thew)**
- r. Gina Linsley (friend of the Seemanns)**
- s. Peggy Losyk**
- t. Ellie Manzano**
- u. Mark Martel**
- v. Jay Martin**
- w. Helen Martin – Darcy Hall**
- x. Joan Maybury**
- y. Joann McCranel - (mother of Tammy Dugal)**
- z. Sandra McPeters (niece of Nancy Brock)**
- aa. Peter Melching (nephew of Deborah Morgan)**
- bb. Donna Miglets (niece of Nancy Mae Beggrow)**
- cc. James Morgan (son of Deborah Morgan)**
- dd. Barbara Morton**
- ee. Martha Musgrove**
- ff. Amy Nesbit**
- gg. Sam Nossiter - (son of friend of Diane and Ben Walton)**



- hh. Daniel O'Connell (cousin of Ben Walton and friend of David Pugh)
- ii. Laurie Paisley
- jj. **Mary Page - (niece of Bobbie Odell)**
- kk. **Donna Perez (friend and neighbor of Rich Zehl)**
- ll. Raquel Peterson (friend of Deborah Morgan)
- mm. Denise Proffit
- nn. Annette and Brian Ramkerrysingh
- oo. Leslie Randolph (wife of Skip Randolph)
- pp. Tammy Redfield
- qq. Jane Richards (sister of Nancy Brock)
- rr. Richardson family
- ss. Clark and Gail Risley (parents of Mark Risley)
- tt. Pam Ross (daughter of Peggy Losyk)
- uu. Jeff Seemann (brother of Ken Seeman)
- vv. **Joan Seemann**
- ww. Moe Smith (cousin of Susan Halliday)
- xx. Sarah Smith (granddaughter of Sally Becker)
- yy. Mary Thew – (niece of Fran Thew)
- zz. Meghan Thew – (niece of Fran)
- aaa. Mark Thompson (brother of Scott Thompson)
- bbb. **Elaine Thrasher**
- ccc. Mark Verdieu
- ddd. **Samuel Verdieu (husband of Junia)**
- eee. **Selma Verse (wife of Rev Roger Verse)**
- fff. Rebb Wallace – brother of Diana Walton
- ggg. **Bob Williams**
- hhh. Rich Zehl

# AXIOS CROQUET OUTING

THANK YOU, JUNE ROCHE DIEU AND MILLIE MCCOY

