

# The Lakeside



## Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday January 15, 2024 - Luke 6: 27-28

But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Read Luke 6 for meditation and inspiration.



**THE CALL FOR LOVE AND  
JUSTICE TO BE  
EXPERIENCED BY ALL GOD'S**

**CHILDREN – IS THE PRAYER OF THE KINGDOM**

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

The only Christian minister who has a National Holiday declared by congress on his birthday, is the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was an inspiration for a generation of Americans who believed the call of the prophet Amos 5:23-25 who said,

“Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.  
But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.”

Before he was assassinated at age 39, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott, organized the 1963 March on Washington, advocated for civil disobedience and non-violent protest, and became one of the most influential figures in American history. "Before I was a civil rights leader, I was a preacher of the gospel. This was my first calling, and it still remains my greatest commitment." —Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

With fiery words of hope, wisdom, and a passion for justice that resonate as much today as they did years ago, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., stirred the deepest convictions of listeners everywhere, inspiring them to extraordinary acts of

courage and perseverance that ignited one of the most influential movements of the twentieth century.

Fifty years after his death, here's a look back at the civil rights leader's most memorable speech.

**“I Have a Dream” – Washington, D.C., August 28, 1963**

In his most famous speech, King stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and called for an end to racism in the United States before a crowd of more than 250,000 people. “I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream...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. I have a dream that...one day right there in Alabama, little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.”

His faith, and hope grew out of his belief in a God of love and of justice for all of His children.

In the Love and Justice of God,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger".

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