

*Commemorative Litany in Honor of  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



**LEADER:** We celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with the understanding that the struggle for freedom and equal rights still continues and with God being our helper, we will continue to fight for the rights of all, knowing that as God guided him, He will also be our guide.

**Congregation:** We remember the words of Dr. King, who said, “We are all the benefactors of the deeds, contributions, and sacrifices of those who have gone before us. They left their mark; we enjoy the fruit of their labor. It is incumbent upon us, therefore, to leave our mark and to make greater contributions to the betterment of society.

**LEADER:** Dr. King touched our hearts with these words: “Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.” As we do our walk through the community, let us remember these words.”

**Congregation:** As believers of the most high God, like Dr. King, we too are challenged to invest in ourselves and others so that, together, we can be the change agents that the world needs. God has given each of us spiritual gifts. Have we identified our spiritual gift? If so, are we exercising our spiritual gift? For we cannot remember Dr. King without remembering he exercised his spiritual gifts to help others.

**ALL:** We find it fitting to pray the prayer that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. prayed and may this prayer enable and empower us to do a new thing in 2020. Let us pray with a mind made up to serve the Lord as we rededicate ourselves to a life of service:

“O God, we thank you for the lives of great saints and prophets in the past, who have revealed to us that we can stand up amid the problems and difficulties and trials of life, and not give in. O God, make us willing to do your will, come what may. Increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity. Give us renewed confidence in non-violence and the way of love as taught by Christ. Amen.”

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