

# 2011 Inspirational Messages of Peace Contest Winners

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## HE HAD A DREAM

It was Martin Luther King  
Who had a dream.  
A dream that every little thing  
Would not be mean.  
A dream that everything was equal  
And everything was fair  
For everybody who was living there.

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## PEACE

Peace is something that you work towards having...  
Not something that is already given to you.  
Peace is everything you say and everything you do.  
Instead of killing and hating,  
We need to be coming together and creating,  
A better world for you and me.  
Let's create peace in our  
Actions, words, thoughts, and deeds!

Tamira Johnson, Grade 8  
Coretta Scott King  
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## LIFE IS A GARDEN

Life is a garden and we are the flowers,  
Let's water the garden with Human Rights  
And satisfy our thirst for freedom.

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## GATEWAY TO PEACE

Peace is like an unlocked door  
Friendship is the key  
It's time to open the gateway  
And enter the age of peace

Shira Duke, Grade 5  
Greenfield Hebrew Academy  
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## PEACE

Peace is the sky, boundless and pure.  
It's flowing water, essential for life.  
Its innocence doesn't discriminate.  
Its freedom embraces humanity.  
Its compassion is a melody for the soul.

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## LOVE IS COLOR-BLIND

To sow seeds of peace  
To light a candle of love  
To shake the temple bell of compassion  
And to hold up our hands  
All men are created equal  
Love is color-blind in the world

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Ji'nan City, Shandong Province, China



## IN KING'S HONOR

We celebrate each year  
The man who stood up and showed no fear  
Because of his want for justice  
From small towns to enormous cities  
We say, "Let Freedom Ring!"  
We'll forever remember you, Dr. King

Khallada Muhammad, Grade 7  
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## PEACE

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "I have a dream."  
He dreamed that peace can come to America.  
I have a dream that peace can go  
All over the world.

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## SPIRIT GARDEN

Snow's thawing, spring's coming  
Life's awaking, spirit's expanding  
Just as impartialness and tolerance  
No limit of colors or species  
Flower's blooming  
Who's tending the garden as the sun's rising?  
Martin Luther King.

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## PEACE MAKES YOU BELIEVE

Maybe I believe  
That war's just not enough.  
Peace might be misunderstood.  
Maybe that is why the world is tough.  
Peace makes you believe.  
War isn't the answer.  
The world needs to see,  
Enough is enough.

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## THE WORLD PEACE GARDEN

To me peace is quietness.  
Peace understands.  
Peace is Love.  
Peace is your heart.  
Peace is salvation.  
Peace is freedom.  
Peace is compassion.  
Peace is happiness.  
Peace is wisdom.  
Peace is you.

Keniyah Allison, Grade 4  
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## DR. KING

Dr. King changed the rules.  
He wanted blacks and whites to join hands.  
He was a great man with love for all,  
white or black, big or small.

Javarius Weems, Grade 2  
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## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

MLK fought for equal rights,  
to bring peace and nonviolence with all his might.  
He fought to bring integration to all.  
He practiced his dream by loving and praying  
for his people to stand tall.

Cosey Scarebrook, Grade 1  
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## PEACE AND LOVE

Peace is love and love is peace.  
Dr. King is peace and Mrs. King is love.  
He wanted peace. She wanted love.  
They shared love and peace with you and me.  
We want peace and love now!

Jasmine Aycock, Grade 5  
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## PEACE WORLD-WIDE

Peace is a beautiful word to me  
That means non-violence and love.  
There is peace in many ways  
Like sharing and caring.  
Many people inspired peace,  
Like Dr. King.

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## FLOURISH WITH PEACE

In the Peace Garden,  
Flowers in the north  
Are kind to the flowers in the south.  
Flowers that are yellow  
Smile with flowers that are pink,  
Their roots joined.  
World, get the message:  
Flourish vibrantly.

Seraphina Cooley, Grade 6  
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## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Dr. Martin Luther King  
Let the bell of freedom ring!  
He is my hero and my king!  
He did all the things he could,  
To teach us how to live like we should.  
That's why today and every day,  
I will walk, talk, and play the non-violent way.  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,  
I will let your bell of freedom ring.

Ta'Neisha Middlebrooks, Grade 3  
Peyton Forest Elementary  
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## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. inspired me  
To be a better person inside and out.  
I sometimes seem doubtful,  
But he gave me courage.  
How far we've gotten,  
I think Dr. King was really talkin'.

Payton Johnson, Grade 4  
Peyton Forest Elementary  
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## THE FIGHTER

A man for justice who had a dream  
To reach it, he formed the best Civil Rights team.  
His dream was to make this place a better land,  
So he asked us, "People, will you join hands?"  
Hating one another isn't cool.  
This hate and bitterness has got to be removed.

The fighter stood strong. His message is clear,  
"Let no man pull you low enough to hate him".  
The fighter marched on in protest for the poor,  
Ignoring the hardship he had to endure.  
Fight on Martin, Fight on.....

Joe Wallace, Grade 5  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School  
College Park, Georgia, USA



## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Prophetic dreams of a righteous man  
Taught us we didn't have to limit ourselves  
To outward opinions of ignorant people  
But see ourselves as equals  
And reach our full potential  
In mind, body and soul

Derek Cassell, Grade 8  
Southport Elementary School  
West Sacramento, California, USA



## MAKE PEACE HAPPEN

We are the people of the earth and  
It's our responsibility to make peace happen.  
Stop the bullying, fighting and arguing!  
Why? Because it is worth it.  
Make it happen!

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**TODAY IS PEACE, TOMORROW IS LOVE**

Roses are beautiful, the sun bright.  
I wake up every day to this lovely Earth.  
I hear the birds chirp.  
Smelling the roses, it makes me fall in love.  
Today is peace, tomorrow is love.

Karina Douglas, Grade 4  
Southport Elementary School  
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**THE DREAM OF CORETTA SCOTT KING**

Coretta Scott King, you lived the dream  
To help bring freedom, justice and equality.  
Love, Truth and Honesty describe you and  
What you did in making this country better.  
You set aside hate, and allowed freedom to ring.  
Civil rights, Human rights, now that's how  
The world working together should be seen.  
Coretta Scott King, you are our queen.

Soul Chapman, Grade 5  
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**HARMONY**

Love, not hate  
Heal, not hurt  
Peace, not war  
Give, not take  
This is harmony  
So simplistic and jubilant  
In its form that you wonder  
"Why is there not more of it?"

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**PEACE**

If peace were sold in a market...  
would you buy it?  
A prize...determined to win it?  
Peace is like a flower just waiting to bloom.  
Once it blooms, it goes back in.  
Is peace in your world?

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**IN MY HEART**

In my heart, rose petals float  
With the face of one man in them.  
His name is Martin Luther King, Jr.  
He told us to judge people  
By their character.  
That is what's in my heart.

Alexa Wagner, Grade 3  
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**JUST**

We have love, all should be loved.  
They were hated, none should be hated.  
We were unfair, all should be fair.  
They were claimed unequal, all are equal.  
Nothing is right, until all have rights.

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**THE CHARACTER OF A MAN**

Martin Luther King was strong and bright  
Marching for unity and equal rights.

Always turning the other cheek,  
Never showing anger or a mean streak.

Martin Luther King had a dream,  
A twinkle in his eye, a simple gleam.

He reached deep into his soul  
Raising standards and setting goals.

He didn't live long enough to see it through,  
So now, it's up to me and you.

To live together in love and peace,  
To let hatred go and violence cease.

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**HUMAN RIGHTS**

Human Rights is our only way to a dignified life.

Human Rights is our weapon

To face aggression and injustice.

Human Rights has been here for a long time

To protect us all from the evil of man and time.

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