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## **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

### **Special Litany**

**As we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us rededicate ourselves to his ministry of teaching and his art of demonstrating love, peace, and understanding to the social conditions of all humankind.**

We will become more committed to improving the conditions of poor and oppressed people and all God's people, as he did.

**Let us remember and practice his dedication to the strategy of nonviolence and his determination to remain identified as a Christian servant of God.**

We will become more concerned about the plight of our country and with Christian weapons, and will fight the system at every opportunity we have -- for justice among all of God's children.

**Let us continue, as Dr. King did, to plead the case for nonviolence in our world.**

We will pray never to be bitter or indulge in hate -- but to meet hate with love, and physical weapons with the whole armor of God.

**We will work for the establishment of the beloved community for which he so eloquently preached despite hearing the ugly discord of hate.**

We will raise our voices in harmonies of hope, singing "We Shall Overcome."

**Help us, Lord, to continue Dr. King's dream of the bells of freedom's ringing out upon our country and justice rolling down like waters; only then can love rule gently from sea to shining sea in this sweet land of liberty. Amen.**

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*"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 - 20*

