

# “Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream – Still Providing A Role Model For Humanity”

Devotional: 14 - 20 January 2024

Read: 1 Timothy 4

Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream that one day there would be equality and unity among all races. MLK Day of Service is a national day of service that focuses on human rights, racial equity and civic engagement. The third Monday in January is dedicated to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and with it come many opportunities to get involved and make an impact.

On November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the King Holiday Bill into law, designating the third Monday in January a federal holiday in observance of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Today, it is the only federal holiday

designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer and improve their communities. *To me, [King] is the outstanding international leader of the 20th century without ever holding office. What he did — I doubt anyone else could have done. Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) January 18, 2015*

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. — 1 Timothy 4:12

There's a letter in the New Testament called First Timothy. It was written by the Apostle Paul to his young protégé who was going to take over pastoring the church in Ephesus. Timothy was young, barely 30 years old, and quite inexperienced. But Paul lets him know that though you may be lacking in education or experience, the one thing you can always be is a role model.

I'm going to challenge the everyone of us to be a role model to those coming behind us, especially the next generation.

The first way to become a role model is to model a lifestyle for God. Paul specifically gives young Timothy five areas where he should set the example and where we should all set the example. He said that we should be an example - “...in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12).

Paul covers all of his bases with this statement as he includes these five areas in which to be a role model. When we strive to set an example for others by the way we speak, the way we act, the way we love, the way we exercise our faith, and the way we pursue purity, people are going to notice. And we'll be able to point others to Jesus because we're exemplifying the kind of life we're called to live according to Scripture.

The second way to become a role model is to magnify the Word of God. I want to ask you a question and encourage you to answer it honestly. Do you read your Bible? Do you apply it? Do you use it? Are you leading your family, your kids, and everyone you have influence over to know that the supreme authority for the way we ought to live and what we ought to believe is the Word of God?

I firmly believe the two worst things you can do with the Bible are not to burn it or throw it in the garbage, but rather to leave it unopened and leave it unused. Every chance we get, we should be teaching and preaching God's Word to others. When we magnify the Word of God to others, we're choosing to be the kind of role model that God is calling us to be.

Dear Lord, thank you for the opportunity you give me each day to point others to you. I pray that I wouldn't take that opportunity lightly and that I would be a godly role model to others by modeling a godly lifestyle and magnifying your Word. In Jesus' name, amen.

## YOU'RE NOT ALONE, LET US PRAY WITH YOU & FOR YOU

- **Mrs. Nancy Whitson** has moved to ARIA of Brookfield. Ms. Nancy is doing well but does have some memory concerns and is still having multiple days of dialysis. Cards and notes of encouragement and support would be greatly appreciated. **Mrs. Nancy Whitson, 18740 West Bluemound Road, Room 103, Brookfield, WI 53045.**
- We continue our prayer vigil for **Mr. Dennis Liepert** on his extensive journey of recovery. Creator God, your children humbly come as intercessory for Bro. Dennis and Ms. Tammy to ask that You would work a full recovery in Bro. Dennis' body - whatever is causing this persistent problem. We believe and look forward to better times for them. Give Bro. Dennis strength and encouragement; he can endure anything with You by his side. We pray that You would, in Your mercy, give him back the health and strength he needs. In Jesus name we pray. Amen. Cards and notes of love and support can be mailed to: **Mr. Dennis and Mrs. Tammy Liepert, 7361 Tower Drive, West Bend, WI 53090.**
- Healing and supporting prayers for **Mr. Robert (Bob) and Mrs. Joy Kuhaupt.** Both Mr. Bob and Ms. Joy are experiencing significant health challenges and ask for your caring and supportive prayers. Card and notes can be mailed to: **Mr. Robert and Mrs. Joy Kuhaupt, Sussex Mills Apts., W240 N6345 Maple Ave., #116, Sussex, WI 53089.**
- **Mrs. MaryLou Himes** is still recovering from eye surgery but 50% of her eyesight has returned; the ophthalmologist feels more of her eyesight may return as healing continues. Ms. MaryLou will still have to have another eye surgery soon. We beseech You, Lord, to touch the body and eyes of the Ms. MaryLou with Your healing hand. Guide the process of recovery, restoring vision and optimal health. Lord, during this period, we ask that you grant Ms. MaryLou the gift of peace that calms worries, and the patience to wait for Your perfect timing. Holding on to this faith, we offer up this prayer in the powerful name of Jesus Christ. Amen. Cards and notes of encouragement can be mailed to: **Mrs. MaryLou Himes, 1800 Annie Street, #4, West Bend, WI 53090.**
- **Ms. Mary Rogge** continues healing from Rotator cuff surgery. Ms. Mary is appreciative for your cards and notes of encouragement and love. We give God thanks for Mr. Roger and the Family, who are supporting and caring for Ms. Mary. Cards and notes of love and encouragement can be mailed to: **Mr. Roger and Mrs. Mary Rogge, 4436 Magna Vista Drive, Jackson, WI 53037.**
- **Ms. Sandy Wamser** is grateful for your continued prayers for healing, restoration, and strength. She is very appreciative for your love, prayers, and support. Ms. Sandy is also grateful for prayers for Mr. Pat and the Family as they care and support her through this season of treatments and healing. Cards and notes can be sent to: **Mr. Pat and Mrs. Sandy Wamser, 3742 Pleasant Valley Road, West Bend, WI 53095.**
- **Bro. Bob Krell** is rooted in our hearts and prayers as we shower him and the Family with our love, care, and support. It was a marvelous blessing to have Bro. Bob with us in worship last Sunday; "I'm doing well and slowly getting my strength back". We continue to pray for Bro. Bob's healing, restoration, and strength. Thank you, God, for hearing and answering our prayer. Cards and notes of love and encouragement can be mailed to: **Bro. Bob and Mrs. Jean Krell, 804 Lenora Drive, West Bend, WI 53090.**
- **Mr. Michael Cahoon**, son of Mr. Jim and Mrs. Sandy Cahoon, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is still on a journey of treatments. We pray that You will bless the means used for Mr. Michael's recovery and those who administer them. Grant that his sickness may be to his spiritual benefit and that he may live the rest of his life more faithfully according to Your will. For You are the source of life and healing and to You we give praise and glory, now and forever. Amen. Cards and notes filled with prayers encouragement can be sent to: **Mr. Michael Cahoon, C/O: Mr. Jim and Mrs. Sandy Cahoon, 1615 Beverly Lane, WI 53090.**
- Prayers of strength and courage for **Mr. Tom Damp.** Dear God, please give Mr. Tom strength when he is weak, love when he feel forsaken, courage when he's am afraid, wisdom when he feel unwise, comfort when he feels all alone, hope when he feel rejected, and peace when Mr. Tom is in turmoil. Amen. Card and noted can be mailed to: **Mr. Tom Damp, 1707 Sunset Ridge Drive, West Bend WI 53095.**
- We give thanks and praise that **Mr. Ben Barth**, husband of Ms. Heather Wolf, granddaughter of Mr. Roger and Mrs. Mary Rogge. recipient of a new heart and new lungs- give thanks for your continued prayers and support. O God, You have told me in your Word to "be strong and of a good courage" and to "fear not". You have said that "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. Please overwhelm Mr.

Ben with cards and notes for continued healing, strength, and restoration. Correspondence can be mailed to: **Mr. Ben and Mrs. Heather Barth, 223 South 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., West Bend, WI 53095.**

- We remain in prayer and support for **Mrs. Ann Cording**. Thank You, Provider God, for giving me all that I need. Thank You for inviting me to come to You any time with all my needs and requests. Thank You for your Word to lead, guide, and direct me. Loving God, I come to You now asking for wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit for the decisions I have to make in my life. You have told me in your Word that if I lack wisdom I should ask because You give to all who ask for wisdom generously. Thank You for being true to your Word. In the name of Jesus, Amen. Cards and notes of love and care can be mailed to: **Mrs. Ann Cording, 1416 S. Silverbrook Drive, West Bend WI 53095.**
- **Mr. Chuck Rogge** is still on a journey of healing. He is grateful for the cards and notes of support. Please continue to flood the mailbox with love and support to: **Mr. Chuck and Mrs. Sue Rogge, 5011 Hwy. P, West Bend, WI 53095.**
- **Mrs. Janice Liepert-Kempf**, appreciates your continued prayers for healing and strength as she continues to struggle with illness. You can send emails of prayers and support to: [alankempf33@gmail.com](mailto:alankempf33@gmail.com); or cards and notes to **Mr. Allan and Mrs. Janice Liepert-Kempf, 414B. South Pleasantview Road, Plymouth, WI 53073; phone number: 920.838.1830.**

*We continue to celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> year of service, commitment and Methodism in West Bend, Wisconsin.*

***“Honoring Our Past, Celebrating Our Present, Anticipating Our Future”***

Prayer: Holy God, we thank you for those in our church family who are young, stand for your character, and live godly lives despite pressure from their peers to do otherwise. Loving God, I also thank you for those older in the faith, who have given us a chance to use our gifts, and who have influenced and encouraged us in our spiritual growth. Please help us keep our church united in mission and purpose across the different age groups, to your glory and for the growth of your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

***Pastor Clarissa & Bro. Martin***

***~ THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! ~***

No one likes to talk about money. It seems like this is especially true in the church. Even though Christians know and are expected to give to the church, it is never easy to bring up the subject of giving. It certainly isn't easy to bring it up when we ask you to increase your giving.

Your giving will enable us to not only live into our mission but will allow us to vision the possibilities of ministries that will be birthed in 2024. From our partnership with Green Tree Elementary, reconnecting with our schools in India, program to connect with the community (community meals, budget education, invitation to come to church), Break Through Prayer ministry, accessible restrooms, bible and book studies, outreach and welcoming training, and maintenance needs that are outside the scope of the budget.

2 Corinthians 9:7 says: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

***We are grateful for what you have already done.***

*O God, our heavenly Father, who so loved the world that you gave your only Son to die upon the cross: Pour your love into our hearts, we humbly beseech you; that we loving you above all things, may give up ourselves, our time, our money, our talents, to your service; for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.*

