

Feel the Movement

FROM PROPHECY TO PROMISE

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memphis April 3, 1968
Indianapolis, Indiana, January 17, 2011**

The National Day of Prayer King Holiday Tribute 2011 “Giving Honor to the Prophet”

**AN INVITATION FOR MILLIONS TO OFFER PRAYERS
OF THANKSGIVING ON THIS FEDERAL HOLIDAY**

“I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.”

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four 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 today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

Our Partners



I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California! But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., August 28, 1963, Washington D.C., March on Washington

What King said on that sweltering August day during his prophecy is now resting in the cool reservoirs of victory and affirmation. **His message was about what God says about who we are. It was the truth about the movement that is built on the truth that "in Him we live and move and in Him we have our being."**

On this same day, King also stated, “we have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism.

Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.”

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we want to build a more perpetual prayer initiative with a focus on “giving honor to the prophet.” On Monday, January 17, 2011, we will be “passing this torch” of divine progress to the “now and next” generation of Kingdom and Movement Builders. Again, our focus in this narrative aims to embrace and connect our strides with the clearly and well articulated vision and call to action to prayer by NDPTF.

America must celebrate this “**prophecy to promise**” moment **in a supreme way with prayers of thanksgiving and praise** by capturing the happenings of this day and then interpreting and transporting this message to the masses for generations to come. **The body of Christ must lead the way.**

As it pertains to the National Day of Prayer Task Force but certainly not limited to our role here, this initiative has four key vision points:

1. **Attach NDP’s vision to that of the King Holiday and show a strong support to the biblical call on Dr. King’s life as a Prophet.**
2. **Show how the nation has already declared a “day of honor/prayer/praise through this Federal Holiday being celebrated since 1986.**
3. **Create and implement a strategy that places NDP inside expanded regions, communities and people by being a key leader/partner in this celebration.**
4. **Bring new partners and resources to help with the NDP yearly goals and objectives.**

Reflecting the Final Prophecy - Mason Temple Church of God in Christ, April 3rd 1968

Dr. King’s final prophecy was “I See the Promised Land.” In the final 30 seconds he would leave us with these words of prophecy. “Well I don’t know what will happen now. *We’ve got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn’t matter with me now. Because I’ve been to the mountaintop. And I don’t mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life, longevity has its place... But I’m not concerned about that now...I just want to do God’s will...and he’s allowed me to go up to the mountain...and*

I've looked over...and I've seen the promised land... I may not get there with you...but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land... so I'm not worried about anything...I'm not fearing any man... mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the lord."

Celebrating the Promise

The gospel records **ten lepers** who were in strong pursuit of being healed by Jesus. We clearly remember that **all were healed**. But **only one came back to say thanks**. For too long we have allowed this to happen on this day, **but no longer**. For the **2011 King Holiday**, we are coming together to **boldly say "not this time."**

On Monday, January 17, 2011, the nation will observe the 25th Anniversary of the King Holiday. It is the only Federal Holiday that honors the work of a Designated Spiritual Leader and this Silver Anniversary is a major mile marker for all of us to say to God, THANK YOU and to America and to the world, "we got it right and this time, we will keep it right."

Across the nation there will be a sense of urgency and a strong need for people to convene and to come together to **"see and celebrate the state of the promise."** Here are a few questions that we know they will be in search of.

- 1. Where will we gather?**
- 2. What will we do when we gather?**
- 3. Who will preside and who will be the people that will come together to celebrate this gathering of prophetic victory?**
- 4. What will be the outcome?**
- 5. Where to from here and what will this day look like 25 years later?**

Background Revisited: A Mighty Move of God

20 years ago, when I made the call to **Dr. Edward Victor Hill** requesting him to come to Memphis to speak at my first "Tribute of Entertainment" to Dr. King, I didn't see the total vision of this legacy/prophesy that I would be assigned to. The event was later recognized as the first **National Tribute of Celebration honoring the King Holiday in Memphis, TN** after President Reagan signed the Proclamation for King's birthday to become a Federal Holiday. 2,000 persons showed up at the Orpheum Theater. **Dr. Hill came. He came in an explosive way and delivered the keynote**, "The Making of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." I shall never forget him. While I had no rapport with him prior to his coming, he spoke to me once on the phone and told me he would get back in touch. A few days later his secretary called me and said "Dr. Hill will be arriving in Memphis on Sunday,

January 14th (1990)” and proceeded to give me his itinerary. I asked her what were his requirements, she said, “he’s doing this for his friend (Dr. King) and for me only to provide hotel and meal expenses.” **This is the spirit of this tribute. It’s about giving honor to the spiritual leaders who came before us and paved the way through great sacrifices of time, resources, struggle and pain.**

On April 4th of 2008 (40 years exactly from the 1968 prophecy by King), we began our documentary filming for **FEEL THE MOVEMENT: From Prophecy to Promise.**

Since 1990 we have produced several other tributes and have seen major spiritual rebirth, diversity, economic and educational empowerment inclusive moments but we believe that God has ordained this as our ripe moment to come forth and present this national presentation.

Our Now Moment

FEEL THE MOVEMENT: From Prophecy to Promise confirms that we will not let this spirit die and we must pass it on to the next generation. Since we began, successful collaborations with the NBC Studios and the National Civil Rights Museum along with members of the King family are documented in our archives. We have been diligent and divinely guided along the way during the 20 year period. **Your role is important. Here are the final questions.**

What will it take?

1. **Teamwork-** All Faiths, Denominations, Races, Colors and Creeds united in the spirit and power of oneness.
2. **Resources-** Total budget achieved of \$75,000-\$100,000
3. **Engagement-** Timing means a lot. Commitments beginning now through December 5 are very important for our media deadlines and successful delivery.

What will come forth?

1. **A strong testimony to the nation on display of the power and promise of God being confirmed and made real.**
2. **Believers inspired and renewed. New converts brought into the Kingdom.**
3. **Millions will be praying on this day and beyond and thereby a stronger commitment and involvement in prayer, unity and greater works.**
4. **Greater numbers and mobilization efforts for NDPTF 2011 and beyond.**

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