

The Queens Village Catholic Youth Center, a club for all teenagers, proudly celebrates the Birthday of one of the greatest Americans, and human beings that has ever lived. Martin Luther King's vision, rooted in the teaching of Jesus Christ, is the very cornerstone of our organization and the inspiration for our work. Today may we not only honor his memory, but, be challenged by his dream and example, that as individuals and as a family we may be true to his spirit and vision.

May we be more enthusiastic and energized in our work of being a beacon of hope for all young people and our entire community. May we forever remember and strive toward his shining goal.

A PRAYER FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Dear God, we come before you today as your children, knowing we are a divided and broken family. The life of Your son, Jesus, His words and His example teaches us of Your plan for us of love and brotherhood. The life and teaching of Martin Luther King remind us of how far we still have to go. Today we praise and thank You for the gift of life, of all people, and the beauty of our diversity. We beg Your forgiveness for the times we do not appreciate or love each other enough, and we ask Your help that we may be stronger to overcome the great obstacles, both in our world and in our hearts, that keep us from being one family in You. Amen. "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, 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 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."

"The good neighbor ...

discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers."

PRIDE (IN THE NAME OF LOVE) words & music by U2--dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King

One man come in the name of love One man come and go One man come he to justify One man to overthrow

In the name of love what more in the name of love In the name of love what more in the name of love

One man caught on a barbed wire fence One man he resists One man washed on an empty beach One man betrayed with a kiss

In the name of love what more in the name of love In the name of love what more in the name of love

Early morning April 4th Shot rings out in the Memphis sky Free at last they took your life They could not take your pride

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Sleep, sleep tonight and may your dreams be realized If the thunder cloud passes rain So let it rain, let it rain Rain on me