

**VOICES FROM THE STRUGGLE**  
**A LITANY FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**  
**CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF THE MOVEMENT**

We have come a long way on the journey to justice for all people; a hard journey still remains. We give thanks for the women who have helped challenge and guide us thus far on the way. The struggle continues and their examples and voices sustain us.

**Whatever glory belongs to the race for a development unprecedented in history for the given length of time, a full share belongs to the womanhood of the race.**

(Mary McLeod Bethune)

Much remains to be done to build bridges and create a united force that can challenge the system in which those with wealth and power live high off the toil and desperation of the marginalized. (Yuri Kochiyama)

**Nobody's free until everybody's free.** (Fannie Lou Hamer)

Mass movements always come as the product of long years of mundane work by unsung heroes, but no one can predict when the upsurge will crystallize. We cannot predict today when it will happen again. But as surely as I know that dawn will come tomorrow morning, I am convinced that it will happen. (Anne Braden)

**The struggle is eternal. The tribe increases. Somebody else carries on.** (Ella J. Baker)

Today's clouds can never deny yesterday's beautiful sunset. The inconvenience of today's storms can never turn us from tomorrow's harvest. We plant, we reap, we try because we are human. We hope. We continue. Our soul is rested, but it will have to get up in the morning and start again. (Nikki Giovanni)

**Change will come. As always, it is just a matter of who determines what that change will be.** (Winona LaDuke)

If we want to change society, we must begin by transforming ourselves; learning from one another about one another's history, culture, dreams, hopes, personal experiences. We must become one, for the future of humanity. (Yuri Kochiyama)

**I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.** (Rosa Parks)

There is one thing you have got to learn about our movement. Three people are better than no people. (Fannie Lou Hamer)

**Giving kids clothes and food is one thing, but it's much more important to teach them that other people besides themselves are important, and that the best thing they can do with their lives is to use them in the service of other people.** (Dolores Huerta)

Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible. (Mary McLeod Bethune)

**Give me a song of hope and a world where I can sing it.** (Pauli Murray)

Love builds up the broken wall and straightens the crooked path. Love keeps the stars in the firmament and imposes rhythm on the ocean tides each of us is created of it and I suspect each of us was created for it. (Maya Angelou)

**Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.**

(Rosa Parks)