Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Let's Celebrate!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States that is celebrated on the third Monday of January. The holiday was created in 1983 to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a civil rights leader who fought for equality and justice for all Americans.



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King was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929. He was the son of a Baptist minister and a schoolteacher. King attended Morehouse College and Crozer Theological Seminary, and he was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1954. In 1955, King led the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a yearlong protest against the segregation of public buses in Montgomery, Alabama. The boycott was successful, and it helped to spark the civil rights movement.

King went on to become one of the most prominent leaders of the civil rights movement. He led protests and marches, and he spoke out against segregation, discrimination, and violence. King's speeches were powerful and inspiring, and they helped to change the hearts and minds of many Americans. In 1963, King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech at

the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The speech was a call for equality and justice, and it helped to inspire the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. He was 39 years old. King's death was a tragedy, but his legacy continues to live on. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day to celebrate King's life and work, and to recommit ourselves to the fight for equality and justice.

How to Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day

There are many ways to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Here are a few ideas:

- Attend a march or rally.
- Volunteer your time to a local organization that is working to make a difference.
- Donate to a charity that supports civil rights or social justice causes.
- Learn more about Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy. There are many books, articles, and films that can help you to learn more about King's life and work.
- Share King's message of peace and hope with others.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day to celebrate the life and legacy of a great leader. It is also a day to recommit ourselves to the fight for equality and justice. Let's all do our part to make King's dream a reality.

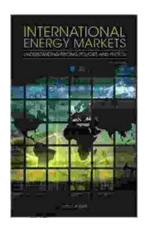




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