

**Imagine you could write a letter to Martin Luther King.**

**What would you write about? What would you like to ask him?**

Dear Martin Luther King,

you are such an idol for so many people. I really like your idea of non-violent struggles against racism, for peace and equal treatment. You only fight with the power of words and you stand up for peaceful protest. And I really don't know if I had the courage to do the same you did. I admire your confidence, your courage and your belief. You always believed that one day there will be no difference between black and white people.

But were you not afraid? Have you ever wanted to give up the fight?

We all should do more against racism and hate. I think there are still some people in the world who haven't heard of you and who don't know your story and I think it is important to change that and help to spread your ideas.

You are an amazing man and you should be proud of yourself and of what you did for your people.

Dear Mr. King,

I've heard and read a lot about you and what you did for black people. You are a very important role model to overcome segregation. Your speech „I have a dream“ is one of the most famous speeches in the world. Millions of people were inspired to make a change because of your speech.

When you were born America was full of hate and racism. Black people were discriminated in public. There were separate toilets, restaurants and seats in buses for black people. When they ignored that they were sent to prison. But you gave all black people braveness, you asked them to do something against discrimination. You were their biggest hope. Because of you every tenth parliamentarian in congress is black. Marriages between black and white people are allowed and America used to have a black president, called Barack Obama. All because of you.

You may say that everything is fine now but I regret to say, it isn't.

Life for black people is still not easy. Every tenth black person between 30 and 34 years has to go to prison and for the same crime black people are more often sentenced than whites.

I don't want to give up. Without you there wouldn't have been any progress but even today we need someone like you to overcome racism against skin colour, gender and religion.

Dear Martin Luther King,

I'd like to ask you a couple of questions.

Have you ever thought that it's hopeless to stand up for the rights of black people?

Who encouraged you to continue fighting?

Have you ever felt it was too dangerous to keep on fighting?

How did you survive life in prison? I think it must have been boring.

I would be happy if you answered my questions.

Hello Martin,

I hope you are fine. I would like to ask you a few questions.

When did you notice that black people are treated worse than white people for the first time? Can you remember the situation?

And when did you say: „Enough is enough. I have to do something“?

I think you are a strong man and I would like to know how it felt to march through Washington with so many people at your side.

I can't understand racism. For me skin colour doesn't matter.

Dear Martin Luther King,

I think your actions in the fight for the rights of black people are very honourable and I admire you for your strength in difficult times.

It is incredible that you never give up and how much you have achieved.

I think there are still a few people who think that skin colour is very important but most people in the world do not care and they treat everyone the same.

That makes me happy and I hope you are also happy about it.

**Dear Mr. King,**

**I just want to thank you for all the great things you have done for black people. You risked so much. Because of you black people today have the same rights. Black people are allowed to vote and a lot more and all that happened because you spent a lot of time and power into making your dreams come true.**

**But haven't you been scared at any time?**

**I think it's important that people will always remember what you did and that people will never forget that we are all the same.**

Dear Mr. King,

since you have started the protest in Montgomery coloured people all over the world got the same rights as white people.

Unfortunately it's not the same in every country.

Sometimes coloured people get paid less in their job and they are still being treated unfairly. You see it's not perfect yet. But we won't stop fighting for our dream. And in many ways it is much better than when you started your fight. I want to thank you. You brought so much more peace in the lives of many people.