

A chronology of the life and times of Martin Luther King Jr.

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• June 23

King and other black leaders meet with President Eisenhower.

• September

King's book "Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story" is published.

1959

• February

Martin and Coretta King spend a month in India, as guests of Prime Minister Nehru, studying Gandhi's techniques of nonviolence.

1960

• January 24 King becomes co-pastor, with his father, of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

1962

• September 20

James Meredith, a black, makes an attempt to enroll at the University of Mississippi. He is ultimately enrolled by Supreme Court order, and is escorted onto the campus by U.S. marshals.

• October 16

King meets with President Kennedy in a one hour White House conference.

1963

• April 16

King writes the "Letter from Birmingham Jail" while imprisoned for demonstrating against the segregation of eqting facilities in that city.

• August 28

King delivers the "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington, the first large integrated protest march.

1964

• July 2

King attends the signing of the Public Accommodations Bill, part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, by President Johnson in the White House.

• December 10

King receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.

1965

• March 21

Thousands of protestors, protected by federal troops, begin a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Upon arriving at the state capitol they hear a speech by King.

• August 6

The 1965 Voting Rights Act is signed by President Johnson.

1966

• July 10

King launches a drive to make Chicago an "open city" in regard to housing. Shortly thereafter, he is stoned while leading a march through crowds of angry whites.

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