

# Coretta Scott King Quotes

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Struggle*

It doesn't matter how strong your opinions are. If you don't use your power for positive change, you are, indeed, part of the problem.

~Coretta Scott King

Struggle is a never ending process. Freedom is never really won, you earn it and win it in every generation.

~Coretta Scott King

Freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces to suit political convenience. I don't believe you can stand for freedom for one group of people and deny it to others.

~Coretta Scott King

Women, if the soul of the nation is to be saved, I believe that you must become its soul.

~Coretta Scott King

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

~Coretta Scott King

Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated.

~Coretta Scott King

I am convinced that the women of the world, united without any regard for national or racial dimensions, can become a most powerful force for international peace and brotherhood.

~Coretta Scott King

When the heart is right, the mind and the body will follow.

~Coretta Scott King

When you are willing to make sacrifices for a great cause, you will

never be alone.

~Coretta Scott King

We must eliminate the gulf of mistrust and ignorance that keeps us from learning from each other.

~Coretta Scott King

I believe all Americans who believe in freedom, tolerance and human rights have a responsibility to oppose bigotry and prejudice based on sexual orientation.

~Coretta Scott King

Segregation was wrong when it was forced by white people, and I believe it is still wrong when it is requested by black people.

~Coretta Scott King

Behind every good man, there's a good woman reminding you I knew you when you didn't have nothing.

~Coretta Scott King

Justice is never advanced in the taking of human life.

~Coretta Scott King

Women, in general, are not part of the corruption of the past, so they can give a new kind of leadership, a new image for mankind.

~Coretta Scott King

All we seek is an America where every person is given the chance to productively contribute to his country and where he can receive a fair and equitable share of the wealth that production creates.

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I'm fulfilled in what I do. I never thought that a lot of money or fine clothes - the finer things of life - would make you happy. My concept of happiness is to be filled in a spiritual sense.

~Coretta Scott King

People need role models. They need to see examples of people in peoples' lives.

~Coretta Scott King

An evil deed is not redeemed by an evil deed in retaliation.

~Coretta Scott King

Homophobia is like racism and anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry in that it seeks to dehumanize a large group of people, to deny their humanity, their dignity and personhood.

~Coretta Scott King

If a man had nothing that was worth dying for, then he was not fit to live.

~Coretta Scott King

People have to allow themselves to be used by God and Martin [Luther King, Jr.] committed himself totally to God's will and purpose and God is always waiting for someone who is willing to do that.

~Coretta Scott King

Isn't it strange how the leaders of nations can talk so eloquently about peace while they prepare for war? ... There is no way to make peace while preparing for war.

~Coretta Scott King

If American women would increase their voting turnout by ten percent, I think we would see an end to all of the budget cuts in programs benefiting women and children.

~Coretta Scott King

As an African American child growing up in the segregated South, I was told, one way or another, almost every day of my life, that I wasn't as good as a white child.

~Coretta Scott King

Mama and Daddy King represent the best in manhood and womanhood, the best in a marriage, the kind of people we are trying to become.

~Coretta Scott King

I'm more determined than ever that my husband's dream will become a reality.

~Coretta Scott King

Without Coretta Scott King, there would not have been a Martin Luther King, Jr. in the way that we know him.

~Coretta Scott King

When aroused the American conscience is a powerful force for reform.

~Coretta Scott King

When Good Friday comes, these are the moments in life when we feel there's no hope. But then, Easter comes.

~Coretta Scott King

Violence diminishes our humanity.

~Coretta Scott King

This was really what I was supposed to be doing, and it was a great blessing to have discovered this, and to be doing what was God's will for your life.

~Coretta Scott King

There is a spirit and a need and a man at the beginning of every great human advance. Every one of these must be right for that particular moment of history, or nothing happens.

~Coretta Scott King

It's going to take an act of Congress to deal with poverty and hunger, not only in this country, but throughout the world. We have the resources but we don't have the will.

~Coretta Scott King

The greatest violence is seeing a child go to bed hungry.

~Coretta Scott King

The process of nonviolence is one that takes time and those of us who've suffered, who've been persecuted over the years, would like to see things change, you know, overnight.

~Coretta Scott King

How many must die before we can really have a free and true and peaceful society?

~Coretta Scott King

If sexual relations between consenting adults are not part of the right to privacy guaranteed by the Constitution, then American democracy is in trouble.

~Coretta Scott King

To really know someone is to have loved and hated him in turn.

~Coretta Scott King

Money is necessary -- both to support a family and to advance causes one believes in.

~Coretta Scott King

nonviolence first changes the individual.

~Coretta Scott King

We have to launch a national campaign against homophobia in the black community.

~Coretta Scott King

I still hear people say that I should not be talking about the rights of lesbian and gay people, and I should stick to the issue of racial justice.

~Coretta Scott King

A constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages is a form of gay bashing and it would do nothing at all to protect traditional marriages.

~Coretta Scott King

I appeal to everyone who believes in Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream to make room at the table of brother- and sisterhood for lesbian and gay people.

~Coretta Scott King

Lesbian and gay people are a permanent part of the American workforce, who currently have no protection from the arbitrary abuse of their rights on the job.

~Coretta Scott King

The more visible signs of protest are gone, but I think there is a realization that the tactics of the late sixties are not sufficient to meet the challenges of the seventies.

~Coretta Scott King

If Martin [Luther King, Jr.]'s philosophy had been embraced and lived out in Iraq and other places, we wouldn't have bin Ladens.

~Coretta Scott King

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