

# Fannie Lou Hamer Quotes

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Tired, Cities, Running, Giving, Black, Fighting, Hate, Way, Two, Christian*

You can pray until you faint, but unless you get up and try to do something, God is not going to put it in your lap.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

Sometimes it seem like to tell the truth today is to run the risk of being killed. But if I fall, I'll fall five feet four inches forward in the fight for freedom. I'm not backing off.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

When I liberate myself, I liberate others. If you don't speak out ain't nobody going to speak out for you.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

Never to forget where we came from and always praise the bridges that carried us over.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

Nobody's free until everybody's free.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

Black people know what white people mean when they say "law and order".

~Fannie Lou Hamer

I am sick and tired of being sick and tired.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

I feel sorry for anybody that could let hate wrap them up. Ain't no such thing as I can hate anybody and hope to see God's face.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

With the people, for the people, by the people. I crack up when I hear it; I say, with the handful, for the handful, by the handful, cause that's what really happens.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

Righteousness exalts a nation. Hate just makes people miserable.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

It's time for America to get right.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

There is one thing you have got to learn about our movement. Three people are better than no people.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

You don't have to like everybody, but you have to love everybody.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

If I am truly free, who can tell me how much of my freedom I can have today?

~Fannie Lou Hamer

If the white man gives you anything - just remember when he gets ready he will take it right back. We have to take for ourselves.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

One day I know the struggle will change. There's got to be a change-not only for Mississippi, not only for the people in the United States, but people all over the world.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

Hate won't only destroy us. It will destroy these people that's hating as well.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

This white man who is saying "it takes time." For three hundred and more years they have had "time," and now it is time for them to listen.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

When I liberate others, I liberate myself.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

If this is a Great Society, I'd hate to see a bad one.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

But you see now baby, whether you have a ph.d., d.d. or no d, we're in this bag together. And whether you are from Morehouse or Nohouse, we're still in this bag together.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

just because people are fat, it doesn't mean they are well fed. The cheapest foods are the fattening ones, not the most nourishing.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

White Americans today don't know what in the world to do because when they put us behind them, that's where they made their mistake... they put us behind them, and we watched every move they made.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

A black woman's body was never hers alone.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

We didnt come all this way for no two seats when all of us is tired.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

To support whatever is right, and to bring in justice where weve had so much injustice.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

People have got to get together and work together. I'm tired of the kind of oppression that white people have inflicted on us and are still trying

to inflict.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

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Actually, the world and America is upset and the only way to bring about a change is to upset it more.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

[On her Freedom Farm Cooperative:] If you give a hungry man food, he will eat it. [But] if you give him land, he will grow his own food.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

It is our right to stay here and we will stay and stand up for what belongs to us as American citizens, because they can't say that we haven't had patience.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

We didn't come all the way up here to compromise for no more than we'd gotten here. We didn't come all this way for no two seats, 'cause all of us is tired.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

It would bring tears in your eyes to make you think of all those years, the type of brain-washing that this man will use in America to keep us separated from our own people.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

I am determined to get every Negro in the state of Mississippi registered.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

No. What would I look like fighting for equality with the white man? I

don't want to go down that low. I want the true democracy that'll raise me and that white man up raise America up.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

The methods used to take human lives, such as abortion, the pill, the ring, etc., amounts to genocide. I believe that legal abortion is legal murder.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

Actually, some of the things I experienced as a child still linger on; what the white man has done to the black people in the south!

~Fannie Lou Hamer

My parents tried so hard to do what they could to keep us in school, but school didn't last but four months out of the year and most of the time we didn't have clothes to wear.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

I was in jail when Medgar Evers was murdered and nothing, I mean nothing has been done about that.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

I went almost naked to see that my mother was kept decent and treated as a human being for the first time in all of her life.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

You know I'm not hung up on this liberating myself from the "black" man - I'm not going to try that thing.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

We are here to work side-by-side with this "black" man in trying to bring liberation to all our people!

~Fannie Lou Hamer

The Mississippi is not the only river. There's the Tallahatchie and the Big Black. People have been put in the river year after year, these things been happening.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

I was treated much better in Africa than I was treated in America. And you see, often I get letters like this: "Go back to Africa."

~Fannie Lou Hamer

That's why I believe in Christianity because the Scriptures said: "The things that have been done in the dark will be known on the house tops."

~Fannie Lou Hamer

The people at home will work hard and actually all of them think it was important that we had the decision that we did make not to compromise; because we didn't have anything to compromise for.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

A white man killed the mules and our cows that knocked us right back down. And things got so tough then I began to wish I was white.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

We serve God by serving our fellow man; kids are suffering from malnutrition. People are going to the fields hungry. If you are a Christian, we are tired of being mistreated.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

I see so many ways America uses to rob Negroes and it is sinful and America can't keep holding on, and doing these things.

~Fannie Lou Hamer

I would like to talk about some of the things that happened that made me know that there was something wrong in the south from a child.

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