

# Jesse Jackson Quotes

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If you fall behind, run faster. Never give up, never surrender, and rise up against the odds.

~Jesse Jackson

When everyone is included, everyone wins.

~Jesse Jackson

Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up.

~Jesse Jackson

Inclusion is not a matter of political correctness. It is the key to growth.

~Jesse Jackson

Your children need your presence more than your presents.

~Jesse Jackson

You may not be responsible for being down, but you must be responsible for getting up.

~Jesse Jackson

If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it, I know I can achieve it.

~Jesse Jackson

Tears will get you sympathy, sweat will get you change.

~Jesse Jackson

Both tears and sweat are salty, but they render a different result. Tears will get you sympathy; sweat will get you change.

~Jesse Jackson

Our flag is read, white and blue, but our nation is a rainbow-red, yellow, brown, black and white - and we're all precious in God's sight.

~Jesse Jackson

A check or credit card, a Gucci bag strap, anything of value will do.  
Give as you live.

~Jesse Jackson

Hold your head high, stick your chest out. You can make it. It gets dark sometimes, but morning comes. Keep hope alive.

~Jesse Jackson

Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together.

~Jesse Jackson

While I've spent a lot of quality time with my children, perhaps it's not been enough.

~Jesse Jackson

It is time for us to turn to each other, not on each other.

~Jesse Jackson

Our premise is that inclusion leads to growth. So for those who are locked out, they lose development, and those who are in power lose market and growth.

~Jesse Jackson

At the end of the day, we must go forward with hope and not backward by fear and division.

~Jesse Jackson

No one should negotiate their dreams. Dreams must be free to fly high. No government, no legislature, has a right to limit your dreams. You should never agree to surrender your dreams.

~Jesse Jackson

If you try you may fail, if you don't try you're guaranteed to fail.

~Jesse Jackson

You can't teach what you don't know. And you can't lead where you don't go.

~Jesse Jackson

A man must be willing to die for justice. Death is an inescapable reality and men die daily, but good deeds live forever.

~Jesse Jackson

The only time you should look down at someone, is when you are helping them up.

~Jesse Jackson

The burden of being black is that you have to be superior just to be equal. But the glory of it is that, once you achieve, you have achieved, indeed.

~Jesse Jackson

I was born in a slum, but the slum wasn't born in me.

~Jesse Jackson

I hear that melting pot stuff a lot, and all I can say is that we haven't melted.

~Jesse Jackson

Our dreams must be stronger than our memories. We must be pulled by our dreams, rather than pushed by our memories.

~Jesse Jackson

America is not like a blanket- one piece of unbroken cloth. America is more like a quilt- many patches, many pieces, many colors, many sizes, all woven together by a common thread.

~Jesse Jackson

Just because a chicken was born in the oven doesn't make it a biscuit.

~Jesse Jackson

We've removed the ceiling above our dreams. There are no more impossible dreams.

~Jesse Jackson

It is in struggle and service with our brothers and sisters, individually and collectively, that we find the meaning of life.

~Jesse Jackson

When we're unemployed, we're called lazy; when the whites are unemployed it's called a depression.

~Jesse Jackson

Many have fought for and even lost their lives to end segregation, to win the right to vote. It disappoints me to now have to cajole people to register and to vote.

~Jesse Jackson

In many ways, history is marked as 'before' and 'after' Rosa Parks. She sat down in order that we all might stand up, and the walls of segregation came down.

~Jesse Jackson

There have been more people disenfranchised in Washington than there have been in Kuwait.

~Jesse Jackson

We must never surrender. America will get better and better. Keep hope alive. Keep hope alive.

~Jesse Jackson

When I came here, I put my hand on the Bible and swore to uphold the

Constitution. I didn't put my hand on the Constitution and swear to uphold the Bible.

~Jesse Jackson

Leadership cannot just go along to get along. Leadership must meet the moral challenge of the day.

~Jesse Jackson

In politics, an organized minority is a political majority.

~Jesse Jackson

Those in blue suits who use thinly veiled race symbols -- when they say welfare and crime and three strikes and anti-affirmative action -- they are sending messages more profound their language.

~Jesse Jackson

The great responsibility that we have today is to put the poor and the near poor back on front of the American agenda.

~Jesse Jackson

At the end of the day, we're defined by our predicament, not by the sides of town.

~Jesse Jackson

It'll be a great day when the seniors have all the baseball caps they need and the Pentagon bombs Gilligan's Island.

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Many kids come out of college, they have a credit card and a diploma. They don't know how to buy a house or a car or health insurance or life insurance. They do not know basic microeconomics.

~Jesse Jackson

I am not a perfect servant. I am a public servant doing my best against the odds. As I develop and serve, be patient. God is not finished with me yet.

~Jesse Jackson

Great things happen in small places. Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Jesse Jackson was born in Greenville.

~Jesse Jackson

To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while. Your children need your presence more than your presents.

~Jesse Jackson

That Obama I would like to cut his nuts off.

~Jesse Jackson

That's all Hymie wants to talk about is Israel. Every time you go to Hymietown that's all they want to talk about.

~Jesse Jackson

America is not a blanket woven from one thread, one color, one cloth.

~Jesse Jackson

If you wear a hoodie but aren't registered to vote, you got the symbolism but missed the substance.

~Jesse Jackson

If you don't know what tomorrow holds, you need to know who holds tomorrow!

~Jesse Jackson

You can't plant a seed and pick the fruit the next morning.

~Jesse Jackson

The only justification for ever looking down on somebody is to pick them up.

~Jesse Jackson

It's not enough to be quiet. Quietness is the absence of noise. We need peace, the presence of justice and to be - and so people here can coexist and live together.

~Jesse Jackson

If there are occasions when my grape turned into a raisin and my joy bell lost its resonance, please forgive me. Charge it to my head and not to my heart.

~Jesse Jackson

Gangs are a group reaction to helplessness.

~Jesse Jackson

Time is neutral and does not change things. With courage and initiative, leaders change things.

~Jesse Jackson

Deliberation and debate is the way you stir the soul of our democracy.

~Jesse Jackson

We picked their cotton. We cooked their food. We nursed their babies. Now we can run their cities. We can run their states. We will run the country.

~Jesse Jackson

You cannot teach what you don't know. You cannot give energy if you're not on fire on the inside.



~Jesse Jackson

Hymies." And "Hymietown.

~Jesse Jackson

His foreparents came to America in immigrant ships. My foreparents came to America in slave ships. But whatever the original ships, we are both in the same boat tonight.

~Jesse Jackson

Capital punishment turns the state into a murderer. But imprisonment turns the state into a gay dungeon-master.

~Jesse Jackson

I know they are all environmentalists. I heard a lot of my speeches recycled.

~Jesse Jackson

When we do in Grenada what the Soviet Union did in Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan, we lose moral authority and credibility.

~Jesse Jackson

What we have to be judged by is the work we try to do. It's public service, not perfect service.

~Jesse Jackson

Black and Jewish leaders have been a coalition of conscience.

~Jesse Jackson

God doesn't make orange juice, God makes oranges.

~Jesse Jackson

Life has its dimensions in the mysterious.

~Jesse Jackson

Politicians refuse to modernize schools, they cut out midnight basketball, but build all these new jails. First class jails, second class schools. This is zero tolerance.

~Jesse Jackson

Conservatives and liberals can find common ground.

~Jesse Jackson

When the doors of opportunity swing open, we must make sure that we are not too drunk or too indifferent to walk through.

~Jesse Jackson

We are facing a stiff wind right now, but if we persist and keep fighting back, we will prevail.

~Jesse Jackson

Peace is the alternative to war, and nonviolence should be seen as the antidote to violence, not simply as its opposite. Nonviolence is more concerned with saving life than with saving face.

~Jesse Jackson

Humanitarian appeals always help. They penetrate deeper than political tradeoffs.

~Jesse Jackson

When you create more small businesses, you create small entrepreneurship. Out of that comes self-determination and employment.

~Jesse Jackson

There is no power in cynicism. There is no forward thrust in cynicism.

~Jesse Jackson

Surrender had played out for good with me.

~Jesse Jackson

Our dreams must be stronger than our memories.

~Jesse Jackson

I mean, the fight for a health care bill to cover all Americans and leave none behind is attacked as being a race appeal, which is not true, but then it's put out in the media as true.

~Jesse Jackson

His [Donald Trump] urban policy is stop and frisk, law and order. And we need investment and development.

~Jesse Jackson

You can't vote against healthcare and call yourself a black man.

~Jesse Jackson

Luck is a crossroad where preparation and opportunity meet

~Jesse Jackson

Few would deny that blacks have become very dominant in athletics: football, basketball, track, now dominant in tennis and dominant in golf.

~Jesse Jackson

Race designation is a political designation.

~Jesse Jackson

In tough economic times, desperate people do desperate things, and the abortion rate goes up.

~Jesse Jackson

The liberation of Blacks is not for Blacks only.

~Jesse Jackson

We must not measure greatness from the mansion down, but from the manger up.

~Jesse Jackson

So here we are today with a new conversation. When University of Georgia plays Georgia Tech, it's uniform color versus skin color. We have - we've overcome that level of racial fear.

~Jesse Jackson

From seeds of his body blossomed the flower that liberated a people and touched the soul of a nation.

~Jesse Jackson

My constituency is the desperate, the damned, the disinherited, the disrespected and the despised.

~Jesse Jackson

A man who cannot be enticed by money or intimidated by the threat of jail or death has two of the strongest weapons that anyone has to offer.

~Jesse Jackson

Abortion is black genocide...What happens to the mind of a person and the moral fabric of a nation that accepts the aborting of the life of a baby without a pang of conscience?

~Jesse Jackson

If whites would vote their economic interests, not their racial fears, we the people who have the most need for change have the power to bring about that change nonviolently.

~Jesse Jackson

The more you focus on sex without love, and drugs and violence, lifestyle of intimidation and recycling, the less energy you spend on opening up the big tent.

~Jesse Jackson

I cast my bread on the waters long ago. Now it's time for you to send it back to me - toasted and buttered on both sides.

~Jesse Jackson

Success needs no explanation. Failure does not have one that matters.

~Jesse Jackson

I want to cut his nuts off.

~Jesse Jackson

If you don't feel apologetic for slavery, if you don't feel apologetic for colonialism, if you feel proud of it then say that.

~Jesse Jackson

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