

# Mahalia Jackson

## Quotes

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Faith and prayer are the vitamins of the soul; man cannot live in health without them.

~Mahalia Jackson

Gospel music rhythms are not African in origin, although I know that's what the jazz experts say.

~Mahalia Jackson

When you sing gospel you have a feeling there is a cure for what's wrong.

~Mahalia Jackson

It is easy to be independent when you've got money. But to be independent when you haven't got a thing, that's the Lord's test.

~Mahalia Jackson

God can make you anything you want to be, but you have to put everything in his hands.

~Mahalia Jackson

Baby, black promoters oppressed me before white promoters ever got hold of me. Don't talk skin to me.

~Mahalia Jackson

Gospel songs are the songs of hope. When you sing gospel you have the feeling there is a cure for what's wrong, but when you are through with the blues, you've got nothing to rest on.

~Mahalia Jackson

I sing God's music because it makes me feel free. It gives me hope. With the blues, when you finish, you still have the blues.

~Mahalia Jackson

Without a song, each day would be a century.

~Mahalia Jackson

Someday the sun is going to shine down on me in some faraway place.

~Mahalia Jackson

The mind and the voice by themselves are not sufficient.

~Mahalia Jackson

I close my eyes when I sing so I can feel the song better.

~Mahalia Jackson

If you believe in God, He will open the windows of heaven and pour blessings upon you.

~Mahalia Jackson

How can you sing of Amazing Grace? How can you sing prayerfully of heaven and earth and all God's wonders without using your hands?

~Mahalia Jackson

Do you know most of the Jewish songs have the same trend of sadness as Negro spirituals?

~Mahalia Jackson

Money just draws flies.

~Mahalia Jackson

If you want me to sing this Christmas song with the feeling and the meaning, you better see if you can locate that check.

~Mahalia Jackson

One thing about playing the real jazz is that you can't count it.

~Mahalia Jackson

The old Devil gets mad when you're trying to do good. Pray that God will move the stumbling blocks.

~Mahalia Jackson

You're blessed if you have the strength to work.

~Mahalia Jackson

When you are through with the blues, you've got nothing to rest on.

~Mahalia Jackson

My hands, my feet, I throw my whole body to say all that is within me.

~Mahalia Jackson

Sometimes you ask God for something and you don't know what you're asking.

~Mahalia Jackson

Blues are the songs of despair, but gospel songs are the songs of hope.

~Mahalia Jackson

I don't worry too much about the script, I just ad lib, like Pearl Bailey.

~Mahalia Jackson

The Lord doesn't like us to be dead. Be alive. Sometimes I dance to the glory of the Lord, because He said so.

~Mahalia Jackson

If you don't like Louis Armstrong, you don't know how to love.

~Mahalia Jackson

Time is important to me because I want to sing long enough to leave a message. I'm used to singing in churches where nobody would dare stop me until the Lord arrives!

~Mahalia Jackson

Blues are the songs of despair.

~Mahalia Jackson

Anybody singing the blues is in a deep pit yelling for help.

~Mahalia Jackson

They thought I was a success as soon as I started paying the bills.

~Mahalia Jackson

The trouble with records is that they're too short.

~Mahalia Jackson

Everybody needs somebody.

~Mahalia Jackson

Put your mind on the gospel. And remember - there's one God for all.

~Mahalia Jackson

I'll come to any benefit if I see SCLC get all the money.

~Mahalia Jackson

This is the place to see the stars - Hollywood Bowl.

~Mahalia Jackson

I hope to bring people to God with my songs.

~Mahalia Jackson

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