

Mavis Staples

Quotes

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Martin Luther King, My Heart*

If I wasn't my age, I would turn a flip. I would do some cartwheels.
That's how I feel.

~Mavis Staples

I'm singing these songs to inspire you, to keep you going, to lift you up
and give you a reason to get up in the morning

~Mavis Staples

There's still injustice happening in my world. I sing my songs at
concerts and I'm so grateful that the people are ready to hear them.

~Mavis Staples

I won't wear rings and jewelry on the stage because I don't want you
looking at my hands. I want you hearing what I'm saying.

~Mavis Staples

I have to pinch myself sometimes. It's unbelievable, but it's not.
Because I know that this would not be happening if it hadn't been for
Dr. Martin Luther King.

~Mavis Staples

Well Lord, I'm still on the case. I'm still doing what Dr. King and Pops
want me to do. I'm still on that freedom highway, and I'm going to walk
on it until Dr. King's dream is realized.

~Mavis Staples

I never sang for a Grammy, for money, for fame. That's my whole
purpose for singing: for people, for the fans.

~Mavis Staples

We stay strong. We stay positive, keep our heads up, love one another,
spread love. The Devil can't win when you have God on your side.

~Mavis Staples

There is a great feeling in a small venue, with the closeness of the people and the intimacy.

~Mavis Staples

Music is such a joy, just an absolute joy.

~Mavis Staples

I have fun just about everywhere I go.

~Mavis Staples

I was not fortunate enough to run into Obama. We were at the same church per se, but I would never be there when he was there.

~Mavis Staples

My purpose: to lift your spirit and to motivate you.

~Mavis Staples

I'm old enough to be Obama's grandmom. But I still like seeing good-looking things. Nothing wrong with that.

~Mavis Staples

I just had a wonderful life, and I couldn't ask for anything else.

~Mavis Staples

I would get in fights a lot. My voice was so heavy, kids would say you sound like a boy, so I would start beating them up.

~Mavis Staples

One day, when I was about eight years old, some kids pushed me on stage at school during a talent show because they knew I could sing.

~Mavis Staples

I'm so blessed that I can still be here to bring the music and have new generations of fans. My Pops would be so proud.

~Mavis Staples

Whenever somebody tells me they want me to stop singing, I'm gone.

~Mavis Staples

I'm just singing what I feel in my heart.

~Mavis Staples

I started writing letters home to my mother, saying that I wanted to come home, grandma won't let me sing.

~Mavis Staples

I feel so good singing songs that I sang with my father.

~Mavis Staples

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