

# Rosa Parks Quotes

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you must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.

~Rosa Parks

To bring about change, you must not be afraid to take the first step. We will fail when we fail to try.

~Rosa Parks

I believe there is only one race - the human race.

~Rosa Parks

Stand for something or you will fall for anything. Today's mighty oak is yesterday's nut that held its ground.

~Rosa Parks

Nothing in the Golden Rule says that others will treat us as we have treated them. It only says that we must treat others in a way that we would want to be treated.

~Rosa Parks

One person can change the world.

~Rosa Parks

What really matters is not whether we have problems, but how we go through them. We must keep going on to make it through whatever we are facing.

~Rosa Parks

I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free... so other people would be also free.

~Rosa Parks

People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true. No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in.

~Rosa Parks

As long as people use tactics to oppress or restrict other people from being free, there is work to be done.

~Rosa Parks

I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.

~Rosa Parks

Without a vision the people perish, but without courage dreams die.

~Rosa Parks

Racism is still with us. But it is up to us to prepare our children for what they have to meet, and, hopefully, we shall overcome.

~Rosa Parks

It takes more than one person to bring about peace - it takes all of us.

~Rosa Parks

If you want to be respected for your actions, then your behavior must be above reproach. If our lives demonstrate that we are peaceful, humble, and trusted, this is recognized by others.

~Rosa Parks

Each person must live their life as a model for others.

~Rosa Parks

I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice and prosperity for all people.

~Rosa Parks

Have you ever been hurt and the place tries to heal a bit, and you just pull the scar off of it over and over again.

~Rosa Parks

I knew someone had to take the first step. So I made up my mind not to move.

~Rosa Parks

I thought about Emmett Till, and I could not go back. My legs and feet were not hurting, that is a stereotype. I paid the same fare as others, and I felt violated. I was not going back.

~Rosa Parks

I thought of Emmett Till, and when the bus driver ordered me to move to the back, I just couldn't move.

~Rosa Parks

I do the very best I can to look upon life with optimism and hope and looking forward to a better day.

~Rosa Parks

I will no longer act on the outside in a way that contradicts the truth that I hold deeply inside. I will no longer act as if I were less than the whole person I know myself inwardly to be.

~Rosa Parks

Since I have always been a strong believer in God, I knew that He was with me, and only He could get me through that next step

~Rosa Parks

Our mistreatment was just not right, and I was tired of it.

~Rosa Parks

When people made up their minds that they wanted to be free and took action, then there was a change.

~Rosa Parks

I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up.

~Rosa Parks

I believe we are here on the planet Earth to live, grow up and do what we can to make this world a better place for all people to enjoy freedom.

~Rosa Parks

When that white driver stepped back toward us, when he waved his hand and ordered us up and out of our seats, I felt a determination cover my body like a quilt on a winter night.

~Rosa Parks

If I can sit down for freedom, you can stand up for children.

~Rosa Parks

Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.

~Rosa Parks

If I stayed angry at other people, I would miss finding friends among those I was angry with.

~Rosa Parks

Knowing what must be done does away with fear.

~Rosa Parks

Black women are very capable of leading our organizations. I believe that firmly.

~Rosa Parks

Whatever my individual desires were to be free, I was not alone. There were many others who felt the same way.

~Rosa Parks

Victory or defeat? It is the slogan of all-powerful militarism in every belligerent nation. And yet, what can victory bring to the proletariat?

~Rosa Parks

I see the energy of young people as a real force for positive change.

~Rosa Parks

It is better to protest than to accept injustice.

~Rosa Parks

As long as there is unemployment, war, crime and all things that go to the infliction of man's inhumanity to man, regardless - there is much to be done, and people need to work together.

~Rosa Parks

The only tired I was, was tired of giving in.

~Rosa Parks

The time had just come when I had been pushed as far as I could stand to be pushed.

~Rosa Parks

It was not pre-arranged. It just happened that the driver made a demand and I just didn't feel like obeying his demand. I was quite tired after spending a full day working.

~Rosa Parks

You cannot always control the powers-that-be. You just have to have faith and stand by the things you believe in.

~Rosa Parks

My only concern was to get home after a hard day's work.

~Rosa Parks

There is no future without education.

~Rosa Parks

I want to be treated like a human being.

~Rosa Parks

I had given up my seat before, but this day, I was especially tired. Tired from my work as a seamstress, and tired from the ache in my heart.

~Rosa Parks

At the time I was arrested I had no idea it would turn into this. It was just a day like any other day. The only thing that made it significant was that the masses of the people joined in.

~Rosa Parks

I did not get on the bus to get arrested. I got on the bus to go home.

~Rosa Parks

I'm tired of being treated like a second-class citizen.

~Rosa Parks

I will always work for human rights for all people.

~Rosa Parks

When I see the leadership roles black women are taking today I am very encouraged.

~Rosa Parks

Racial pride and self-dignity were emphasized in my family and community.

~Rosa Parks

There were times when it would have been easy to fall apart or to go in the opposite direction, but somehow I felt that if I took on more step,

someone would come along to join me.

~Rosa Parks

An opportunity was being given to me to do what I had asked of others.

~Rosa Parks

I had felt for a long time, that if I was ever told to get up so a white person could sit, that I would refuse to do so.

~Rosa Parks

Arrest me for sitting on a bus? You may do that.

~Rosa Parks

I was ready to die but give my consent never. Never, never.

~Rosa Parks

I had been pushed as far as I could stand to be pushed. I had decided that I would have to know once and for all what rights I had as a human being and a citizen.

~Rosa Parks

Why do you all push us around?

~Rosa Parks

All I was trying to do was get home from work.

~Rosa Parks

My resisting being mistreated on the bus did not begin with that particular arrestâ€”I did a lot of walking in Montgomery.

~Rosa Parks



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