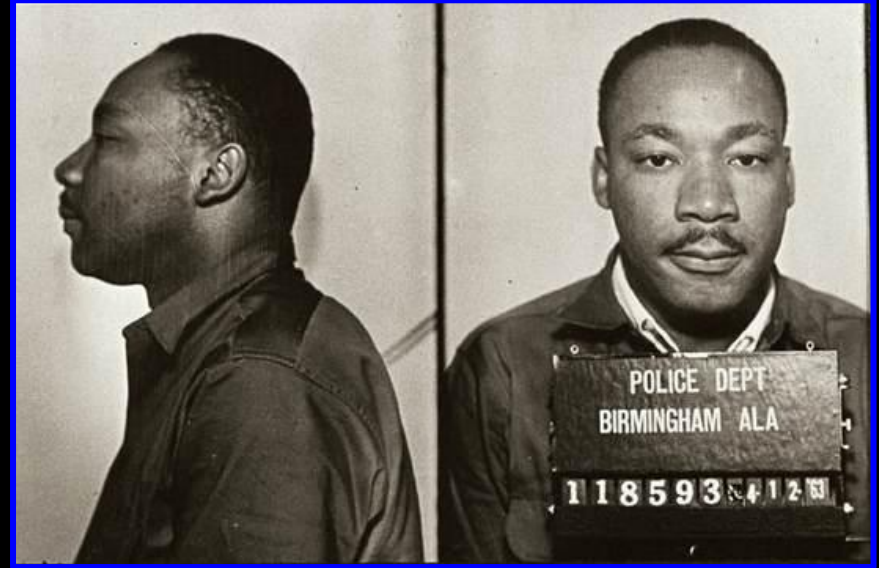




**Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Day 2017**

Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister and social activist, who led the Civil Rights Movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968.



# Did you know?

His name was originally Michael, not Martin. His father was also Michael King, hence why Martin Luther King Jr. was originally named Michael King Jr.

At the age of 12, he seems to have tried to commit suicide.

King is to date the youngest male to win a Nobel Peace Prize

Also on the day King was killed, he was out on the balcony smoking a cigarette

Martin Luther King Jr. was nearly assassinated a decade earlier than his ultimate death. While on a book tour

King donated all of the \$54,123 (about \$400,000 today) he received for his Nobel Peace Prize to the Civil Rights movement.

His mother, Alberta Williams King, was also murdered. She was killed while attending church in Atlanta in 1974 by a 23 year old man

# Martin Luther King's Legacy: service to others

In America Martin Luther King Day is a designated national day of service. Americans celebrate a day-on not a day-off, in honour of Martin Luther King's commitment to changing the lives of others

President Obama promotes volunteerism as a way of helping others with the challenges they face in the world



*President Obama and Michelle Obama performing 'community service' on MLK Day 2016*

**“Darkness cannot drive out darkness;  
Only Light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out Hate;  
Only love can do that.”**

Martin Luther King Jr.

A black and white portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. He is shown from the chest up, looking slightly to the right of the camera with a thoughtful expression. His right hand is raised near his chin, with fingers slightly curled. The background is dark and out of focus.

Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the nonviolent struggle for racial equality in the United States. The third Monday in January marks Martin Luther King Day, a U.S. holiday that honors King's legacy and challenges citizens to engage in volunteer service in their communities.

# Remaining legacy

It's been nearly 50 years since Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated

Young black men killed by US police at highest rate in year of 1,134 deaths

Final total of people killed by US police officers in 2015 shows rate of death for young black men was five times higher than white men of the same age

How far have we really come?