

Remembering MLK Jr. on the April 4, 2023 anniversary of his assassination

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www.clevelandurbannews.com and www.kathywraycolemanonlinenewsblog.com , Ohio's Black digital news leaders, with national political news and local and state news from Cleveland, Ohio USA, pause to remember the legacy of the last Civil Rights icon the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the anniversary of his assassination, which was April 4, 1968 outside of a Memphis, Tennessee balcony

Martin Luther King, Jr.

(born

Michael King, Jr.

; January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968)

was an

[American](#)
[pastor](#)

,

[activist](#)

,

[humanitarian](#)

, and leader in the

[Civil Rights Movement](#)

. He was best known for improving

[civil rights](#)

by using

[nonviolent](#)

[civil disobedience](#)

, based on his

[Christian](#)

beliefs. Because he was both a

[Ph.D.](#)

and a pastor, King is sometimes called the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr.

(abbreviation: the Rev. Dr. King), or just Dr King.

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He is also known by his initials

MLK

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. He was the pastor of the
[Ebenezer Baptist Church](#)

in

[Atlanta](#)

,

[Georgia](#)

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King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He worked hard to make people understand that not only black people but that all [races](#) should always be treated equally to [white people](#)

. He gave speeches to encourage

[African Americans](#)

to

[protest](#)

without using

[violence](#)

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Led by Dr. King and others, many African Americans used nonviolent, peaceful strategies to fight for their civil rights. These strategies included [sit-ins](#) , [boycotts](#) , and protest marches. Often, they were attacked by white police officers or people who did not want African Americans to have more rights. However, no matter how badly they were attacked, Dr. King and his followers never fought back.

King also helped to organize the 1963 [March on Washington](#) , where he delivered his " [I Have a Dream](#)

" speech. The next year, he won the

[Nobel Peace Prize](#)

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King fought for equal rights from the start of the [Montgomery Bus Boycott](#) in 1955 until [he was murdered](#)

by

[James Earl Ray](#)

in April 1968.

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Barack Obama one-on-one when he was campaigning for president. As to the Obama interview [CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE AT CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM, OHIO'S LEADER IN BLACK DIGITAL NEWS](#)

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