

Prayer of Invocation

SOMA Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute: January 20, 2020

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Gracious and Eternal God

We've assembled ourselves in this place, on this extraordinary day that You have crafted and Made – We Rejoice and We are glad in it.

We've gathered from multiple faiths to give You Thanks and Praise for who You are in our lives – for Your Grace, Your Mercy and Your Lovingkindness towards us. How Great You truly are.

We come together to celebrate Your Power as shown through the life of one who trusted You in all things and withstood the painstaking and long suffering challenges to reshape a consciousness through Divine humility, compassion peace and Love. A life of faith and great courage – the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Oh Holy One, we invoke Your Presence in this place. We open the doors of our hearts and say "Come In" "Move us" Change our minds, our hearts and our spirits to reflect Your Love. We ask for Your Wisdom to know Divine Direction in times like these, for Your Strength to persevere in Hope, Patience in tribulation, and Insight to reach and ignite this splendid generation and the generations to come....until we all move in Your Purpose of Unity, Faith and Love.

As we stand unified as one, Let Your Divine Blessed Presence move among us. Enrich and Empower us to reflect Your Power at work in us. Let us realize that the Power of One is the Power of You in and through us all, and for This... We are Grateful.

We pray this earnest prayer in Your Name with reverence, hope and Love. Amen.