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Today on his birthday, we honor Martin Luther King, a visionary leader, whose dream was that all people should be judged by the content of their characteristics, not by the color of their skin. He would be glad at the progress we have made, for example Barack Obama was our first black president elected for eight years - "a great symbol of racial progress."

The sad thing is that people are still using race and color to their own political interest, along with the fact that public schools systems today are failing their students. We still have more work to do to reach that Promised Land he dreamed about. My dream is to not only make America a better place, but make the whole world one united place and follow the footsteps of Dr. King.

I am going to make an effort, so that everyone will have equal rights for everything, whatever the color of the skin and make this world a place where everyone is loved and cared about. I will try to spread ambition and kindness everywhere, and try to end segregation, whether it is race or gender, so that I can complete the once started dreams of Martin Luther King. King was all about seeing the world in one piece, imagining that one day everyone would get along, and I will make a full hearted attempt to make sure that this journey is successful.

Martin Luther King inspires me so much, and everyone wants to do something to get recognized as someone you look up too, and I hope to move Martin Luther King's work forward. We can thank the one and only Martin Luther King Jr. for where America is today, a safe, friendly, and united nation. We are the United States of America!