

# United as One in the Struggle for a Better World

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Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “We’ve learned to fly the air as birds, we’ve learned to swim the seas as fish, yet we haven’t learned to walk the Earth as brothers and sisters.” To me, this means that even with all the knowledge in the world, we cannot live without unity. Unity is when different people with different morals and values join forces to create something amazing. Something that no one person can make on their own. Unity is when these people use their unique talents to create these things. And finally, unity is the only force that can break the wall of oppression and injustice. Heroes like Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X united so many different people in the fight against racial inequality. They showed that even with our differences, we can still fight for the same cause and achieve our goals and dreams. They reminded everyone that America is a melting pot, built upon diversity and unison and that we are strengthened by each other’s differences. They showed that while we may face some challenges, if we work together and keep fighting, justice will prevail. They helped us see that when we’re united, no one, no matter how much authority they have, can stop us. Even today, I think people need to be reminded that our differences make us unique and gives us the right to respect. Despite having technology that helps us stay connected, we seem more divided than ever. We have different ideas and beliefs, and we think that we are so different we cannot possibly join forces. So, we essentially start to form groups of people who believe this and people who believe that. To me this is all wrong. We should use our differences to help us become better people and become more aware of those around us. We should be strengthened by our diversity. And we should acknowledge and appreciate what each of us can do because in the fight for justice everyone, no matter what race or religion, counts. With unity, the world can become a better place.