Words of Inspiration

"Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination" Maya Angelo - Writer, poet, civil rights activist

"Truth is powerful and it prevails"

Sojourner Truth – Abolitionist and women's rights activist

"Everyone must live their life as a model for others" Rosa Parks – Civil rights activist

"Faith is taking the first step, even when you can't see the whole staircase" Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. — Civil rights activist

"I AM somebody!" Rev. Jesse L. Jackson – Civil rights activist

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Harriet Tubman – Abolitionist

"Life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

Jackie Robinson – African American Major League Baseball Player

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong, because someday in life, you will have been all of these."

George Washington Carver – Agricultural Scientist and Inventor

"Two months ago, I had a nice apartment in Chicago. I had a good job. I had a son. When something happened to the Negroes in the South, I said, 'That's their business, not mine.' Now I know how wrong I was. The murder of my son has shown me that what happens to any of us, anywhere in the world, had better be the business of us all."

Mamie Till-Mobley – Educator, activist and mother of slain civil rights martyr, Emmet Till

"Where there is no struggle, there is no progress." Frederick Douglas, Social reformer, writer and abolitionist

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you'll never have enough."

Oprah Winfrey – Media executive, actress, philanthropist

"Chicago is one city. We shall work as one people for our common good and our common goals." Mayor Harold L. Washington – Lawyer and 1st Black Mayor of the City of Chicago

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

President Barack Obama – 44th President of the United States and 1st Black President