50th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington

August 30, 2013

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4; 18-19)

Over 50 years ago Freedom Fighters from all over the United States of America joined the March on Washington to protest the laws of segregation. Young people stood for voting rights for African Americans. Parents and children responded to the call for desegregation of the education system in America. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. inspired a nation to look at its Constitution that promises liberty and justice for all and make good on the promise. The soul of America was called to give an account. The Spirit of the Lord was upon our nation and the walls of injustice and oppression begin to crumble.

Prayer: Almighty God, you spoke life into existence. Lord you spoke and sin ran and hide its ugly face. God your Spirit moved on the 1st century believers and rushed in your Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. In 1963, your love and mercy brought justice to African Americans that became justice for all. Your grace and mercy brought judgment against injustice and discrimination and freedom rang all over the world. Lord, never hide your face from us. Deliver us from that which displeases you. Use us in your mighty name until all the earth and heaven declare your glory. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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