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Over his lifetime, and even after his death, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. won many prestigious honors and awards. Here are some of them!

Pacem in Terris Award (1963): Given by Pope John XXIII, this award recognizes people of good will and peace. (“Pacem in Terris” means “Peace on Earth” in Latin.)

Nobel Prize for Peace (1964): At the time of his award, King was the youngest person ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, which is bestowed by the government of Norway.

Marcus Garvey Prize for Human Rights (1968): King received this award from the government of Jamaica shortly after his death.

Grammy Award, Best Spoken Word Recording (1971): This award was given for a recorded speech entitled “Why I Oppose the War in Vietnam.”

Presidential Medal of Freedom (1977): American President Jimmy Carter honored King with this award, the highest civilian award in the U.S.

Honorary Degrees: King was the recipient of more than 20 honorary doctorate degrees from colleges and universities both in the U.S. and abroad.

