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*We celebrate life by building bridges of understanding, tearing down walls of indifference, establishing a haven for justice, erecting a monument to peace, securing a foundation of hope, and serving a God who is able. Rev. Bernice A. King*

*Bernice A. King, the youngest daughter of Coretta Scott King and the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is internationally recognized as one of the most powerful orators in America today. At the age of 17, she began her oratorical journey when she spoke in her mother's stead at the United Nations. She was ordained as a minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the congregation that had been led by her father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. She is a popular speaker at churches, college and university campuses, and community events. She has addressed audiences throughout North America, Europe, Australia, and South America, including The White House, the Department of Defense, and many major corporations. She has been featured on television shows such as Oprah, Rolanda, Late Night with Tom Snyder, Eye-to-Eye with Connie Chung, and a live lunchtime show on CNN, and in People Magazine, Ebony, Essence, Ladies Home Journal, and Charisma Magazine. King received a B.A. in Psychology from Spelman College and doctorate in law and master's in divinity degrees from Emory University.*

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