

“We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.” This quote by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. from his “Letter From Birmingham Jail” expresses the feeling that all Americans are connected, no matter what race they are or how they look. This destiny Dr. King talks about, I feel, is constantly changing, this garment strengthening and weakening. Kindness, fairness, and acceptance all strengthen our destiny. We can all come together and unite with kids at school, adults by teaching kids how to strengthen our destiny, and everyone in public.

Kids can all come together to strengthen our destiny at school. Kids can include everyone in games and choose students they don’t know very well to be on a team or to work as a partner. Also, students can sit by people they don’t usually sit by at lunch. This makes everyone feel included. Lastly, students can talk to and hang out with everyone, not just people in their friend group so no one feels left out. Students can come together to strengthen our destiny.

Adults can also unite to strengthen our destiny by teaching children from a young age that everyone is equal. If kids grow up learning this, then they are more likely to apply it at school and in their life. This will strengthen our destiny because kids will be inclusive to everyone and tell their kids the same thing. Adults can be role models for children in their lives by not mistreating people based on their race or how they look.

The last way we can strengthen our destiny is in public. Both adults and children can treat everyone fairly. Also, being polite and inclusive strengthens our garment of destiny. Holding a door for someone, using manners, and even just smiling at someone can make their day. Lastly, our single garment of destiny can be strengthened by not discriminating against people. Discriminating and not treating people fairly just because of their race is not fair. Everyone should meet or get to know people before judging them.

In his, “Letter From Birmingham Jail”, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Talks about all Americans and uses the word ‘we’. By saying this, he implies that we are all connected. He goes on to talk about our single garment of destiny. I believe that our garment of destiny is always changing, and it depends on us to strengthen it. Students can strengthen our destiny at school, adults can teach children acceptance and be good role models for them, and both adults and kids can unite to strengthen our single garment of destiny in public.