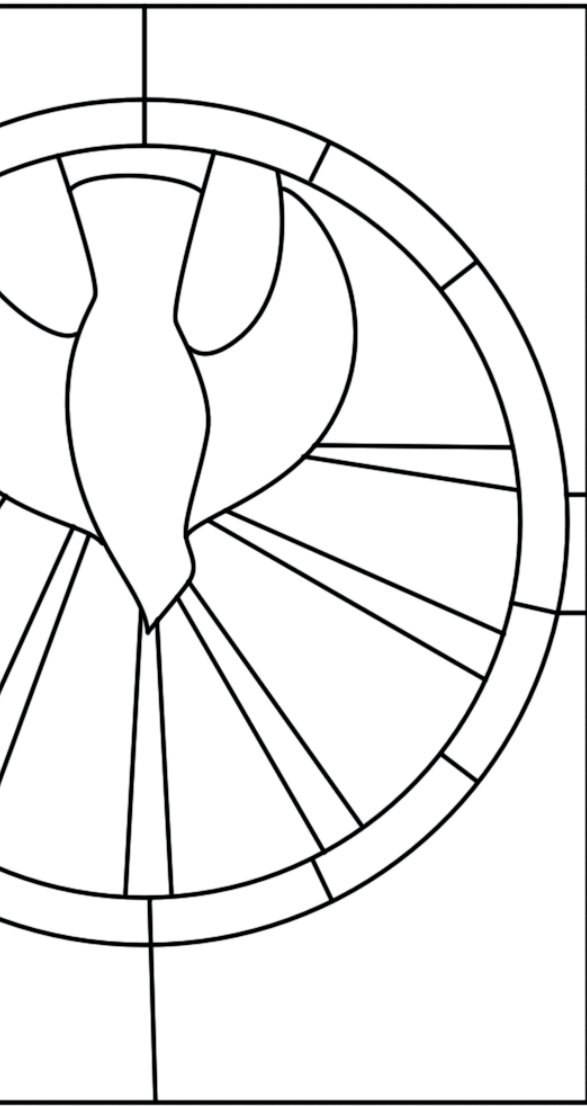


PRATHIA HALL



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Prathia Hall (pronounced Pray-thee-a) was born on January 1, 1940, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Temple University in 1962. She was a dedicated member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC, pronounced "snick"), an organization of college students and young adults fighting for freedom and justice during the Civil Rights Movement.

Prathia worked tirelessly to secure voting rights for Black Americans, often facing fierce resistance from racist individuals who sought to suppress their voices. Despite the dangers, Prathia and her fellow activists educated and registered Black voters, risking their lives in the process. On one occasion, Prathia and her coworkers were inside a building when shots were fired at them. Thankfully, they all survived this violent attack.

In 1962, after a Black church was bombed by racists, Prathia delivered a powerful prayer at a meeting. During her prayer, she repeatedly used the phrase "I have a dream" as she called upon God for justice and equality. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was in the audience that day and later told Prathia how deeply her prayer had moved him. Inspired by her words, Dr. King incorporated the phrase "I have a dream" into his iconic speech delivered one year later.

Prathia's commitment to justice extended beyond the Civil Rights Movement. She went on to earn a Ph.D. and became a college dean in Dayton, Ohio, inspiring countless others with her passion and perseverance. Prathia Hall passed away in 2002, leaving behind a legacy of courage, faith, and unshakable commitment to equality.

Prathia used her voice to inspire Dr. King. How can you use your voice and actions to inspire others _____

What is your dream for our world? _____