

**B E MAYS**

**1979**

Our Dear Brother Mays,

This Book of Greetings and Salutations is presented to you on the occasion of the initiation of the BENJAMIN E. MAYS SCHOLARSHIP FUND. This Fund is designed to aid young men and women at The Interdenominational Theological Center who are preparing for the Christian ministry. May your life and work among all of us serve as a continuing source of courage and brotherly kindness. We pray God's blessings will always be upon you. May your light shine forever through those whose lives have been influenced by you.

Presented on this the 16th day of June, 1979, at the Providence  
Baptist Church

Bernard Blount Pastor

Dr. Mays  
Please worship with you. May  
God Bless you and continue to keep  
you in his care.

With lots of love,  
Rev. Marion Wickerson  
Morehouse School of Religion '80

Dr. Mays,  
It is a pleasure  
to be a friend  
of yours and to  
know that we are  
a member of the same  
church and we both  
work with the Atlanta  
Board of Education. I  
hope we meet in  
heaven together one day.

Dear Dr. Mays,  
Interestingly, Walter  
realized the depth of my love  
for you though the years (miles)!  
Often, he joked about the spelman  
girls and their obsession with such  
a "Great" of our times - you!  
has seen I pleasure to love  
you for all the positive and  
lofty qualities you possess  
and share with the  
world! We have  
been so benefited  
because you  
lived among us!  
Anna Mary  
McCall

Dr. Mays  
May you continue  
to inspire and lead  
the citizens and people  
of Atlanta + the world  
yours for a greater Atlanta  
Chata Steadford  
for  
Mayor Raymond Jackson  
Mayor City of Atlanta

May God Bless you  
and keep you.  
Donette L. Bryant

PUT GOD FIRST IN EVERYTHING THAT YOU  
DO AND HE WILL DIRECT YOU AND  
CROWN YOUR EFFORTS WITH SUCCESS.

James R. [Signature]  
4/21/85

Dear Brother Donnie,  
THANK you for your  
EMERGENCY HOSPITAL AND TRANSFERS  
my life + the lives of others.  
Others. Thank you for your  
kindness. I am  
Don 6/16/79

Long  
live Dr. Mays!!!  
Rev. Phillip  
Terry

Dr. Mays,  
I'm so glad  
that my life came  
under your influence  
during its impression-  
able stage. May God's  
blessings be with you  
always.  
Ray Hunter  
1979

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all has been indeed a  
pleasure worshipping with you. May  
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Bless you

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always.

Roy Hanks  
1979

Dear Brother Bonnie,  
THANK you for blessing  
my life & the lives of countless  
others. Thank you for representing  
the Kingdom of God on earth.  
I hope you are well.  
Love,  
Don Cal  
6/16/79

Dr. Mays,  
 I consider you to  
 be one of the greatest  
 spirits that this world  
 has ever seen. Your many  
 contributions have served as an  
 inspiration for me and  
 countless thousands around  
 the world. May you  
 continue to serve  
 Sincerely,  
 Paul Hatcher

Dr. Mays,  
 Your influence and inspiration  
 have spurred people on and  
 forward through the years - not only  
 did you do this by your words  
 but also your acts and deeds and  
 love for all mankind.  
 D. J. Davis

Dr. Mays  
 Knowing you  
 is a cherished  
 privilege. Your  
 living source is a continual  
 source of inspiration.  
 May you continue  
 to inspire.  
 Sincerely,  
 Lydia H.  
 Hatcher

Dr. Mays,  
 Your significant contribution to  
 humanity and your way of feeling the  
 heart throbs and pulse beats of men  
 and on all levels of life shall serve  
 always an indelible symbol of unmatched  
 dignity and singular integrity.  
 Mary C. Pugh

Dr. Mays  
 Although I met you late in  
 life you and your accomplish-  
 ments have been a constant  
 inspiration. If I could relive  
 my life, I would wish to  
 come under your influence  
 earlier. The ITC scholarship  
 in your honor is an excellent  
 idea.  
 Willis J. Hubert

Dr. Mays,  
 I can hear echoes from your fervent  
 oratory - when I was a student at  
 Morehouse - such as "one should walk  
 the earth in some dignity unafraid."  
 However, you didn't "stop" with that  
 admonition. You made us - through your  
 examples - walk the earth with our heads  
 held high.  
 Vauster Pugh

Dr. Mays,  
 May God bless  
 you in all your endeavors  
 that in the future  
 young people may continue  
 to have you as their shining  
 light.  
 Lonnie Green  
 1979

Dr. Mays,  
 May God continue  
 to bless you in all  
 your undertakings.  
 You have been  
 a personal in-  
 spiration to my  
 family and me. We  
 love you.  
 With love,  
 Almonie Hatcher

6/16/79  
 To Dr. B. E. Mays  
 from his former student  
 and long-time colleague  
 Braxton

Dr. Mays,  
 may you  
 continue to be a  
 blessing to generations  
 to come. We are so  
 grateful for the inspiration  
 which you have given  
 us.  
 Sincerely,  
 Evelyn G. Freeman  
 '79

6/16/79  
 To Dr. B. E. Mays -  
 Honored to be a  
 product of your  
 leadership.  
 C. B. Jones

Dr. Mays,  
There are great men, and then there are GREAT MEN.  
Happiness are ours as a result of touching shoulders with you. Your wisdom and philosophic messages will continue to inspire us as the years progress. We thank the Lord for you.

Love,  
Julius & Janet Milton

Had I gone the way that I intended I would have missed the greatest opportunity of my life; that is to know Ben. E. Mays  
JACK GREENE

Dr. Mays,  
It was a pleasure for me to witness his great tribute to you. May you continue to inspire others to greater heights.

Albert H. Whalley

Dear Dr. Mays  
you have always been an inspiration to me  
in my family  
Lots of love  
Sis Edell Jordan

Dr. Mays,  
your life is rich with the blessings you have bestowed on all of us who have come into contact with you. Your fullness has overflowed into our lives and we thank you!

Dr. Mays,  
You have served as an inspiration to so many of us. Likewise, you have provided the challenge that has kept many of us striving to reach the highest and best.... I am grateful that our paths merged along the way.

Janett J. Walton

Arlena Johnson

Chris. J. Sawyer

Dr. Mays,  
It has been a pleasure to know you. I hope many more young people are touched by your guiding light. Thank you for just being you.  
Love,  
Judith Hunter Sawyer

Thanks for all of your concerns with my family - Sincere Congratulations  
Ronell Bonner Adair

Dr Mays  
you are the  
only Dr. Mays  
there will never  
be another  
We love you  
Jammie + Ruby  
June 16-79

Gene & Janet R. Greene  
With all our  
Love  
June 16,  
1979

I LOVE YOU  
DR MAF  
Joy Williams

Dr Mays,  
you have been  
a guide in my  
life from my days  
at Epworth -  
happy to have  
known you  
with love  
Barbara Young

Dr Mays,  
You have inspired  
so many people, both  
young and old, May your  
inspiration continue to  
"make men and women" for  
years and years to come.  
May you continue to be  
blessed with all of God's  
many blessings.  
"Keep on keeping on"  
Ruelle Halland

Reginald  
Gilbert  
Stephani L. Williamson

Mrs Mary P. Johnson

With love  
& respect  
Carol B. Johnson

Miriam Jones  
with  
Sylvia Reid  
Nicie Reid

DR. MAYS Love  
Peace + continued  
HAPPINESS Christy  
E. Green

God Bless you always  
Nellie Thompson &  
Mother Mary Daniels

Dr. Mays, here are a  
few flowers to the  
you inspire us every  
day. I hope you will  
great things you keep on doing  
and may you keep on  
blessing. God bless  
you and your family.  
in prayer

Dr. Mays,  
We love you!  
John + Terdie Tyler

Cathy L. Tyler

Dr Mays  
you are wonder-  
ful.  
Gussie, Horace  
Kathy Aikens

Dr. Mays,  
 It is an honor to be able to my tribute to such a great man as you. I have not the words to say how much your presence has meant to me. I only regret I have not known you longer or better. May God continue to lift you up and bless you yours in Christ  
 Louis Don

Dr. Mays  
 All our thanks for having had a man's word. May God continue to bless you always  
 Bonnie & Ruby Colburn

Dear Dr. Mays,  
 It has been a pleasure to have known you for many years. Truly you are truly among the Great Singers.  
 Bertha Haynes

Dr. Mays,  
 It is my pleasure to have been among the many whose lives you have touched. I am a better person for having known you in our church fellowship.  
 May the Lord continue to endow you with the blessings you so richly deserve.  
 Vernon S. Williamson

Dr. Mays  
 Thanks for all of the years of service, in holding up the highest and the best - for inspiration and for advice - Love for sound causes and high goals  
 Charles R. Hatter

Dear Dr. Mays,  
 May God be with you always and give you the blessings you have given to others in life. I have heard your name for many years in Illinois and feel it a great honor to have met you.  
 Always,  
 Leon & Marie

Dr. & Mrs. J. J. Brown  
 May these be many more occasions just like this.  
 Mrs. O. & Elizabeth Williamson  
 Knowing you has made a difference in our lives, Long Live

Dear Dr. Mays  
 I thank you for all you've done for our church and that you do many more things like you've done.  
 Love  
 Curtis

DEAR DR. MAYS  
 I CAN'T EXPRESS MYSELF IN WORDS OTHER THAN TO SAY THANKS FOR BEING YOURSELF. A MODEL MY ENTIRE FAMILY STRIVES TO BE LIKE IN EVERYDAY LIFE  
 Kenneth J. Green



Dear Dr. Mays,  
May God Bless you  
Keep you  
Lubye Hitchford

Dear Dr. Mays,  
We are so thankful for all the  
wonderful things you have done  
for us. We all love you and hope  
you stay sweet, special, loving,  
and kind. Love always,  
Jennifer S. Walton

Dr. Mays,  
May God continue to give  
you the strength and compassion  
to guide and help others!

Sincerely yours,  
Laurie J. Johnson  
Dear Students  
Atlanta Ga  
6/17/79

Dr. Mays,  
You are a beautiful person  
I know.  
5/30/80  
Dorothy B. Wooley

Dr. Mays  
May God Bless you Always  
George B. Washington

5-30-80  
Dr. Mays,  
May God  
bless you.  
We love you,  
Daisy and George  
Washington

Mr James Simpson Sr  
2000 Perry Blvd NW  
Atlanta Ga  
6/1/80

5/30/80  
Dr. Mays,  
I hope God will  
always bless you  
because I am going to  
continue to pray for  
you. Best Wishes  
Vanessa  
Dugh

Dr. Mays,  
You are still the Best  
May God Bless you to  
still give us the inspiration  
and guidance that you  
have always given.  
We love you  
Juanita P. Hill and all  
the kids.

Dear Dr. Mays  
Please give  
as love as  
you have already  
and may God  
keep his faithful  
hand upon you  
Love  
Jimmie & Ruby

Dr. Mays  
you are  
~~Beautiful~~ Beautiful  
Person 5-30-80  
to know  
Love  
Lula D. Calhoun

Dr. Mays  
God Bless you for the  
continued success you've  
had over the years.  
Cathy S. Zuber

Dr. Mays,  
God has blessed  
you and may he  
continue to do so.  
Henri Robinson

Dear Dr. Mays, to all  
Dear Dr. Mays,  
I am writing to  
express my love and  
admiration for you  
and your family.  
I hope you are  
all well and happy.  
Love,  
Harriet L. Young

Dear Dr. Mays,  
Happy to life  
and service.  
Harriet L. Young

5/30/80  
Dr. Mays  
will inspire you to  
may God bless  
minds alike. the  
continue to  
Best wishes your  
young and  
Best wishes on  
many  
at M.C. Hill

Best Wishes  
to a Very Fine Person -  
Dr. Benjamin Mays  
From - Barker & Gloria Poe

To Dr. Mays:  
Thank you for your  
lessons in success. It  
is my hope that such lessons  
will be to some avail.  
Sincerely,  
Gayle Fisher

Dr. Mays  
May God  
bless you and keep  
you  
Rev. Mrs Phillip Terry

Dr. Mays, you were number three  
of us to come on the scene in  
Warehouse's history, but your service  
to mankind and Warehouse  
men has moved you to share  
the Number one in the  
times all people of to  
day. E.C Moore

Dear Dr.  
Mays you  
have been  
the most  
inspiring person  
in my life.  
J H. Tyler

Dr. Mays,  
I really  
admire you  
for your work.  
I only wish  
I were just like  
you. Love,  
Jilly  
Caldwell

To Dr. Mays,  
Sincere Best Wishes  
Ala K. Goulder

DeeDee Mays:  
your life has  
been our light.  
you have shown  
us the way.

To Dr. Mays:  
You've been a blessing  
and an inspiration  
to all of us! May  
God bless you  
keep you all your  
days, and ever  
beyond.  
Phillip Terry

May God  
continue to  
bless you  
in your  
great work!  
Phelms B. Miller

Dear Dad  
It is so nice  
being a member  
in your fellowship  
It is so nice to even  
know you  
Dorothy Abbott

Best wishes to you  
"Dr. Mays. may God  
Bless you!  
Viola Bryant

Love always  
Mary S. Carey.  
Lots of Love  
Sue Della Jordan

Dr. Mays  
Lots of love  
Blanche Colloway

DEACON GEORGE WASHINGTON  
CHAIRMAN OF DEACON BOARD  
4-21-85

Acop B. W. Wright

Dr. Mays

It is a joy to speak to you and to say 'thank you!'  
Your gifts have been abundant to so many - blacks  
and whites alike.

You are life's role model to many of whom  
you met and taught and to many whom  
you have touched by your words of wisdom, your  
frankness and distinct honesty; your belief  
in one's commitment to his/her life's vocation;  
and the high standards of achievement you have  
set in your life which serve as a guide for  
those who lay eyes upon you and those who  
will follow in generations to come.

We are awed by your presence, by the  
life you've lived and by the accomplishments  
you've made. We all love you.

I love you, dearly.  
Julie Hunter '79



## Interdenominational Theological Center

Office of the President  
404/522-1772

Address: 671 Beckwith Street, S.W.

April 23, 1985

Atlanta, Georgia 30314

The Reverend Phillip Terry  
Providence Baptist Church  
659 Larkin Street, S. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Dear Brother Terry:

Few gifts have been received at Interdenominational Theological Center that have given me greater pleasure or have had more significance than the \$10,000 gift received Sunday, April 21, 1985 to establish the Providence Baptist Church/Benjamin E. Mays Memorial Scholarship Fund. This gift will be added to our endowment funds and eight percent (8%) of the interest earned each year will be awarded to Baptist students enrolled in the Morehouse School of Religion. In this way, we can make several grants each year as well as provide for the growth of the corpus.

Please express to your entire congregation our gratitude and awareness of the pioneering work initiated by Providence Baptist Church. We will attempt to be good stewards over your gift. Also, we want future generations to know of this benefaction. Therefore, we are placing the Benjamin E. Mays Book of Remembrance in the Atlanta University Archives for safekeeping.

Keep the faith!

Sincerely,

James H. Costen  
President

mjw

cc: Bishop John H. Adams  
Dr. Billie J. Hooker  
Mrs. Elizabeth Littlejohn  
Mrs. Julia Hunter  
Dr. Edward Wheeler

### CONSTITUENT SEMINARIES

Gammon  
Charles H. Mason  
Morehouse

Phillips  
Johnson C. Smith  
Turner

MEMBER  
Association of Theological Schools  
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April 23, 1985

TO: Mrs. Elizabeth Littlejohn

RE: Providence Baptist Church/Benjamin E. Mays Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

FROM: *James H. Costen*  
James H. Costen, President

The enclosed check for \$10,000 was presented to me Sunday, April 21, 1985 by the Providence Baptist Church during the morning worship service. It is the church's intention that ITC will establish a Providence Baptist Church/Benjamin E. Mays Memorial Scholarship Fund. This will be an endowment fund. Therefore, I hereby authorize you to transmit this sum to our endowment portfolio and earmark it as a scholarship fund for Baptist students enrolled here through the Morehouse School of Religion.

So that this fund will produce both yield and growth, I suggest that we not make any distribution of earnings until September, 1986. Also, I suggest that we establish the policy of distributing only eight percent (8%) of the interest earned each year. The balance will be reapplied to the corpus, thus enabling the corpus to grow.

It will be my intention to contact a number of sources known to have been strong Benjamin E. Mays supporters, notifying them of this new fund. Hopefully, some of them will want to expand our funds.

Thanks for looking into this matter and do inform me if you have questions.

mjw

cc: Bishop John Hurst Adams  
Dr. Joseph McKinney  
Dr. Billie J. Hooker

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United Negro College Fund

Dr. May's  
may God continue  
to shower his many blessings  
on you and yours.  
A. Sanders