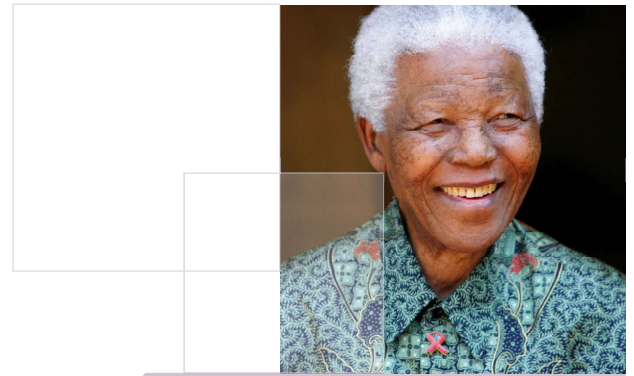


# NELSON MANDELA



Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) was South Africa's first Black president, elected in 1994. He was both a politician and social rights activist, heavily involved with the anti-Apartheid movement and in 1942 he joined the African National Congress. He spent the next 20 years directing peaceful campaigns and organising nonviolent demonstrations against the South African government's racist policies.

In 1962, Nelson Mandela was arrested for political offences and spent the following 27 years wrongfully imprisoned on Robben Island for his part in the fight against Apartheid. His sentencing prompted a coordinated international campaign for his release. He came to stand as a symbol for the oppressed, as his political inroads had granted him international regard for his peaceful methods for reconciliation.

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Nelson Mandela and South African President F W de Klerk jointly in 1993 for their efforts to dismantle the country's Apartheid system. For generations to come, Mandela will be a source of inspiration for civil rights activists worldwide.

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"Mandela is one of the loudest voices for racial equality in my lifetime. His life and struggle for equality in South Africa not only ensured an end to the shocking policy of Apartheid but also opened up a new way of speaking truth about the value of all human life which still inspires us today."