



RIGHTEOUSNESS & JUSTICE RESOURCES

The Problem with Racism

(This Document Will Be Periodically Revised and Updated)

Build a World of Justice & Righteousness

1. The Color of Compromise | Jemar Tisby: <https://jemartisby.com/the-color-of-compromise>
The Color of Compromise Video Study | Extended Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNmm9cvmxmY>
2. PBS Race – The Power of an Illusion 3 Part Videos: <http://newsreel.org/video/race-the-powerof-an-illusion> OR <http://www.racepowerofanillusion.org/>
PBS What is Race: https://www.pbs.org/race/001_WhatIsRace/001_00-home.htm
3. The Roadmap to Reconciliation | Brenda Salter McNeil: <https://www.saltermcneil.com/roadmap-to-reconciliation>
4. Be the Bridge | Latasha Morrison: <https://bethebridge.com> OR <https://anchor.fm/be-the-bridge>
Racial Reconciliation- Latasha Morrison: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEgskxyA2eE&ab_channel=NationalCommunityChurch
5. Freedom Road | Lisa Sharon Harper: <https://freedomroad.us/who-we-are/> OR https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Q086zhVCq8&ab_channel=FCNL
6. ReNew Partnership: <https://renewpartnerships.org>
7. Through the Eyes of Color | Jude3 Project: <https://learn.jude3project.org/library/through-eyes-of-color-virtual-experience-on-demand-62686/177894/about>
8. Unspoken: <https://jude3project.org/documentaries/unspoken>

9. **Sankofa** | A Journey Toward Racial Righteousness: <https://covchurch.org/mercy-justice/sankofa>
OR <https://sankofaimpact.org/pilgrimage-to-the-south>
10. **CORE** | Community Organization for Racial Equity: <https://www.corenow.org>
11. **Undivided**: <https://undivided.us>
12. **Courageous Conversations About Race** by Glenn E. Singleton
13. **Uncensored** | My Life and Uncomfortable Conversations at the Intersection of Black and White America by Zachary R. Wood
14. **Quiet** | The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
15. **Deep Diversity** | Overcoming Us Vs. Them by Shakil Choudhury
16. **Do the Work!** | An Antiracist Activity Book by W. Kamau Bell, Kate Schatz
17. **How to Be an Antiracist** by Ibram X. Kendi
18. **The Broken Heart of America** | St. Louis and the Violent History of the United States by Walter Johnson
19. **The Fire Next Time** by James Baldwin
20. **Courageous Conversations** | The Tools You Need For the Conversations in the Culture by Yana Conner, Sherelle Ducksworth

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

1. **School Resources for Youth 2020 BLM Curriculum Resource Guide**:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LGslwJwhXvpVnDgw0uC-n794l6EGzpuH>
2. **NEA EdJustice (National Education Association)**: <https://www.nea.org>
3. **BLM Instructional Library (Children's Story)**:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18pOK3roiwPQ9WF7D2wA0o7Ktr8KwAJeZfn-o6O8T_Y/mobilepresent?fbclid=IwAR3hv2P5Yn_gs1TXMAK1BL7vNkc1i3RWQRRQngS-Ghcuf0oWhDJGoldaVs&slide=id.g87f9732047_4_18
4. **Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners** <https://www.common sense media.org/lists/coretta-scott-king-book-award-winners>

5. **How to Fight Racism Young Reader's Edition | A Guide to Standing Up for Racial Justice** by Jemary Tisby
6. **God's Very Good Idea** by Trillia J. Newbell
7. **God Made Me AND You | Celebrating God's Design for Ethnic Diversity** by Shai Linne
8. **My Beautiful Brown Rainbow** by Sharon D. King and Blake Roberts
9. **Raising Little Allies To Be (Children's Resource):** <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:db1fd0ce-b359-430d-9b11-33ebf74e1dd6#pageNum=31>
10. **Something Happened in our Town (Children's Story)** by Marietta Collins, Marianne Celano, Ann Hazzard: https://youtu.be/whR_Jlzknp0
11. **The Day You Begin** by Jacqueline Woodson
12. **Teaching Your Child About Black History** <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/teaching-your-child-about-black-history-month>
13. **Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis** by Jabari Asim

NATIONALISM. COLORISM. & CASTE.

1. **Biased | Uncovering the Hidden Prejudices That Shape Our Lives** by Jennifer Eberhardt
2. **Blood at the Root | A Racial Cleansing in America** by Patrick Phillips
3. **Buried in the Bitter Waters | The Hidden History of Racial Cleansing in America** by Elliot Jaspin
4. **Colorism Healing** by Dr. Sarah L. Webb <https://colorismhealing.com> AND Colorism Database <https://colorismhealing.com/colorism-database>
5. **How to Be Less Stupid About Race** by Crystal M. Fleming
6. **How the Irish Became White (Routledge Classics) 1st Edition** by Noel Ignatiev
7. **Imperial Intimacies | A Tale of Two Islands** by Hazel V. Carby
8. **Me and White Supremacy | Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor** by Layla Saad
9. **Momma, I Wanna Be Light-Skinned** by Rhonda R. Bennett

10. **Mirror to the Church** | Resurrecting Faith after Genocide in Rwanda by Emmanuel M. Katongole, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove
11. **Nice Racism** | How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm by Dr. Robin DiAngelo
12. **White Too Long** | The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity by Robert P. Jones
13. **On Privilege, Fraudulence, and Teaching As Learning** | Selected Essays 1981–2019 by Peggy McIntosh
14. **Pathological Whiteness** by Dr Chanequa Walker Barnes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rc5VzRLgK_4&t=2s
15. **Racecraft** | The Soul of Inequality in American Life by Barbara J. Fields, Karen E. Fields
16. **Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence** | Understanding and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues on Race 1st Edition by Derald Wing Sue
17. **Rediscipling the White Church** | From Cheap Diversity to True Solidarity by David W. Swanson
18. **Robin DiAngelo and Resmaa Menakem** | Towards a Framework for Repair <https://onbeing.org/programs/robin-diangelo-and-resmaa-menakem-towards-a-framework-for-repair/#audio>
19. **Stamped** | Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning by Jason Reynolds, Ibram X. Kendi
20. **Stamped from the Beginning** | The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi
21. **Strange Glory** | A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Charles Marsh
22. **Tears We Cannot Stop** | A Sermon to White America by Michael Eric Dyson
23. **The Guide for White Women Who Teach Black Boys** 1st Edition by Eddie Moore The Guide for White Women Who Teach Black Boys 1st Edition by Eddie Moore
24. **The History of White People Reprint Edition** by Nell Irvin Painter
25. **The Racial Healing Handbook** | Practical Activities to Help You Challenge Privilege, Confront Systemic Racism, and Engage in Collective Healing by Anneliese A. Singh PhD LPC, Derald Wing Sue Ph.D., Tim Wise
26. **The Wretched of the Earth** by Frantz Fanon
27. **Uprooting Racism** | How White People Can Work for Racial Justice by Paul Kivel

28. **Working Toward Whiteness** | How America's Immigrants Became White: The Strange Journey from Ellis Island to the Suburbs by David R. Roediger
29. **White Awake** by Daniel Hill
30. **White Fragility** | Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Dr. Robin DiAngelo
31. **White Like Me** | Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son by Tim Wise
32. **White Privilege** | Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack by Peggy McIntosh
https://psychology.umbc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/57/2016/10/White-Privilege_McIntosh-1989.pdf
33. **White Rage** | The Unspoken Truth of Our Nation's Divide by Carol Anderson
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBYUET24K1c>
34. **Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race** by Reni Eddo-Lodge
35. **Why India's Fair Skin Business Is Booming** by VICE News <https://youtu.be/BLOHSbf9XGI?si=x5QV9r40E1ij3sQy>

MAINLINE CHURCH RACE DILEMMA IN THE U.S.

1. **A Multitude of All Peoples** | Engaging Ancient Christianity's Global Identity by Vince L. Bantu
2. **After Whiteness** | An Education in Belonging (Theological Education between the Times) by Willie James Jennings
3. **Brown Church** | Five Centuries of Latina/o Social Justice, Theology, and Identity by Robert Chao Romero
4. **Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus** | Harlem Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance by Reggie L. Williams
5. **Divided by Faith** | Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America by Michael O. Emerson, Christian Smith
6. **Gospel Haymanot** | A Constructive Theology and Critical Reflection on African and Diasporic Christianity by Vince L. Bantu
7. **Jesus and John Wayne** | How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation by Kristin Kobes Du Mez

8. **Just Discipleship** | Biblical Justice in an Unjust World by Michael J. Rhodes
9. **Latina Evangelicas** | A Theological Survey from the Margins by Loida I. Martell-Otero, Zaida Maldonado Perez, Elizabeth Conde-Frazier
10. **Liberating Church: A Twenty-First Century Hush Harbor Manifesto** by Brandon Wrencher, Venneikia Samantha Williams, Lynice Pinkard
11. **Liberty to the Captives** | Our Call to Minister in a Captive World by Raymond Rivera
12. **Many Colors** | Cultural Intelligence for a Changing Church by Dr. Soong-Chan Rah
13. **Not So Black and White** | An Invitation to Honest Conversations about Race and Faith by Reggie Dabbs, John Driver
14. **One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race and Love** by John M Perkins
15. **Oneness Embraced** | A Kingdom Race Theology for Reconciliation, Unity, and Justice by Pastor Tony Evans
16. **Race Matters** by Cornel West
17. **Reparations** | A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair by Duke L. Kwon & Gregory Thompson
18. **Resurrection Hope** | A Future Where Black Lives Matter by Kelly Brown Douglas
19. **Seeing Jesus in East Harlem** | What Happens When Churches Show Up and Stay Put by José Humphreys
20. **Tears We Cannot Stop** | A Sermon to White America by Michael Eric Dyson
21. **The Condemnation of Blackness** | Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America by Khalil Gibran Muhammad
22. **The Cross of the Lynching Tree** by James Cone
23. **The God Who Sees** | Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by Karen Gonzales
24. **The Message** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
25. **The Next Evangelicalism** | Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity by Dr. Soong-Chan Rah
26. **The Reconciliation Blues** | A Black Evangelical's Inside View of White Christianity by Edward Gilbreath

27. **Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria |** And Other Conversations About Race by Beverly Daniel Taum

U.S. HISTORICAL RACIAL COMPROMISE

1. **A History of Racial Injustice:** <https://calendar.eji.org/racial-injustice/sep/27> OR <https://eji.org/about/>
2. **Black History in 2 Minutes:** <https://blackhistoryintwominutes.com>
3. **Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
4. **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents** by Isabel Wilkerson
5. **City of Inmates |** Conquest, Rebellion, and the Rise of Human Caging in Los Angeles, 1771–1965 (Justice, Power, and Politics) by Kelly Lytle Hernández
6. **Code of the Street** by Elijah Anderson
7. **Dixie's Daughters |** The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Preservation of Confederate Culture by Karen L. Cox
8. **Dear America |** With the Might of Angels by Andrea Davis Pinkney
9. **Fortune |** How Race Broke My Family and the World and How to Repair It All by Lisa Sharon Harper
10. **From Selma to Sorrow |** The Life and Death of Viola Liuzzo by Mary Stanton
11. **How Africa Shaped the Christian Mind |** Rediscovering the African Seedbed of Western Christianity by Thomas C. Oden
12. **Just Mercy |** A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
13. **An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States** by Kyle T. Mays, Shaun Taylor-Corbett
14. **I Bring the Voices of My People |** A Womanist Vision for Racial Reconciliation (Prophetic Christianity) by Chanequa Walker-Barnes
15. **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou
16. **Let Justice Roll Down** by John M. Perkins, Shane Claiborne
17. **King |** A Live by Jonathan Eig

18. **Landscapes of Exclusion | State Parks and Jim Crow in the American South** by William E. O'Brien
19. **Long Walk to Freedom | The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela** by Nelson Mandela
20. **Medical Apartheid | The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present** by Harriet A. Washington
21. **A Time to Speak | The Story of a Young American Lawyer's Struggle for His City and Himself** by Charles Morgan Jr.
22. **Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass | an American Slave** by Fredrick Douglass
23. **Origins Of The Black Church | Pre-slavery—Missionaries In Africa** by Dr. Eric Washington Vanderbloemen: <https://www.vanderbloemen.com/blog/origins-pre-slavery-missionaries>
24. **Race Against Time | A Reporter Reopens The Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era** by Jerry Mitchell
25. **Race for Profit | How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership** by Keeanga-Yamahтта Taylor
26. **Asian Americans and the Spirit of Racial Capitalism** (AAR Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion) by Jonathan Tran
27. **The Spirit of Justice | True Stories of Faith, Race, and Resistance** by Jemar Tisby
28. **Stamped from the Beginning | The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America** by Ibram X. Kendi
29. **Stony the Road | Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow** by Henry Louis Gates Jr.
30. **The 1619 Project | A New Origin Story** by Nikole Hannah-Jones, The New York Times Magazine
31. **The Color of Law | A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America** by Richard Rothstein
32. **The Color of Money | Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap** by by Mehrsa Baradaran
33. **They Came Before Columbus | The African Presence in Ancient America** by Dr. Ivan Van Sertima
34. **The New Jim Crow | Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness** by Michelle Alexander
35. **The Warmth of Other Suns | The Epic Story of America's Great Migration** by Isabel Wilkerson

36. **When Affirmative Action Was White** | An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America by Ira Katznelson
37. **Women of the Somali Diaspora** | Refugees, Resilience and Rebuilding After Conflict by Joanna Lewis
38. **World Channel | How America Invented Race:** <https://worldchannel.org/episode/howpia-america-invented-race>
39. **We Will Be Free** | The Life and Faith of Sojourner Truth by Nancy Koester (Author), Alicia K. Jackson
40. **Where Do We Go from Here** | Chaos or Community? (King Legacy) by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Vincent Harding, Coretta Scott King
41. **Unsettling Truths** | The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery by Mark Charles

REPARATIVE HEALING

1. **A City Within a City** | The Black Freedom Struggle in Grand Rapids, Michigan by Todd E Robinson
2. **Anatomy of the Soul** | Surprising Connections between Neuroscience and Spiritual Practices That Can Transform Your Life and Relationships by Curt Thompson
3. **Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
4. **Decolonizing the Body** | Healing Body-Centered Practices for Women of Color to Reclaim Confidence, Dignity & Self-Worth by Kelsey Blackwell
5. **Enfleshing Freedom** | Body, Race, and Being (Innovations, African American Religious Thought) by M. Shawn Copeland
6. **God's Power to Help Hurting People** by Colleen Birchett
7. **Healing Racial Trauma** | The Road to Resilience by Sheila Wise Rowe
8. **Healing Leadership Trauma** | Finding Emotional Health and Helping Others Flourish by Nicholas Rowe, Sheila Wise Rowe
9. **Helping a Neighbor in Crisis** | How to Encourage When You Don't Know What To Say by Lisa Barnes Lampman
10. **Hermanas** | Deepening Our Identity and Growing Our Influence by Natalia Kohn Rivera

11. **How to Help Your Child Clean Up Their Mental Mess** | A Guide to Building Resilience and Managing Mental Health by Caroline Leaf
12. **I'm Still Here** | Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown
13. **In My Grandmother's House** | Black Women, Faith, and the Stories We Inherit by Yolanda Pierce
14. **My Grandmother's Hands** | Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies by Resmaa Menakem
15. **Nobody Cries When We Die** | God, Community, and Surviving to Adulthood by Patrick B. Reyes
16. **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** | It's Impossible to Be Spiritually Mature, While Remaining Emotionally Immature by Peter Scazzero
17. **Onbeing** | Diangelo and Menakem Towards Framework for Repair by Krista Tippet: <https://onbeing.org/programs/robin-diangelo-and-resmaa-menakem-towards-a-framework-for-repair>
18. **Open Wounds** | A Story of Racial Tragedy, Trauma, and Redemption by Phil Allen Jr.
19. **Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome** | America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing by Joy DeGruy Leary
20. **Shalom and the Community of Creation** | An Indigenous Vision by Randy Woodley
21. **Switch On Your Brain** | The Key to Peak Happiness, Thinking, and Health Kindle Edition by Dr. Caroline Leaf
22. **Suffering and the Heart of God** | How Trauma Destroys and Christ Restores by Diane Langberg
23. **The Black Woman's Guide to Overcoming Domestic Violence** | Tools to Move Beyond Trauma, Reclaim Freedom, and Create the Life You Deserve by Shavonne J. Moore-Lobban PhD ABPP, Robyn L. Gobin PhD
24. **The Body Keeps the Score** | Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma by Bessel Van Der Kolk, M.D.
25. **The Complete Enneagram** | 27 Paths to Greater Self-Knowledge by Beatrice Chestnut, PhD
26. **The Enneagram for Black Liberation** | Return to Who You Are Beneath the Armor You Carry by Chichi Agorom
27. **The Inner Work of Racial Justice** | Healing Ourselves and Transforming Our Communities Through Mindfulness by Rhonda V. Magee

28. **The Little Book of Race and Restorative Justice** | Black Lives, Healing, and US Social Transformation (Justice and Peacebuilding) by Fania E. Davis
29. **The Quaking of America** | An Embodied Guide to Navigating Our Nation's Upheaval and Racial Reckoning by Resmaa Menakem
30. **The Spirituals and the Blues** (50th Anniversary Edition) by James H. Cone
31. **Trauma and Race** | A Path to Wellbeing by Micah L. McCreary
32. **We Drive It – Inside the North Phillips School of Innovation:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgXh5YRSOnk&t=259s>
33. **Whistling Vivaldi** | How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do by Claude M. Steele
34. **A Beautiful Disaster** | Finding Hope in the Midst of Brokenness by Marlena Graves

SOUL CARE | SPIRITUAL FORMATION

1. **A Faith of Many Rooms** | Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity by Debie Thomas
2. **A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants** by Rueben P. Job
3. **A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God** by Rueben P. Job
4. **A Just Passion | A Six-Week Lenten Journey** by Ruth Haley Barton (Contributor), Sheila Wise Rowe (Contributor), Tish Harrison Warren (Contributor), Terry M. Wildman (Contributor)
5. **A Many Colored Kingdom** | Multicultural Dynamics for Spiritual Formation by Elizabeth Conde Frazier, S. Steve Kang, Gary A Parrett
6. **A Rhythm of Prayer** | A Collection of Meditations for Renewal by Sarah Bessey
7. **A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 Mass Market** by W. Phillip Keller
8. **Abuelita Faith** | What Women on the Margins Teach Us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength by Kat Armas
9. **The Anxious Generation** | How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness by Jonathan Haidt
10. **Advent Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals** | Mary Had a Baby by Cheryl Kirk-Duggan and Marilyn E. Thornton

11. **All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings** by Gayle Boss
12. **Anatomy of the Soul | Surprising Connections between Neuroscience and Spiritual Practices That Can Transform Your Life and Relationships** by Curt Thompson
13. **Backs Against The Wall | The Howard Thurman Story (2019)** by https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVl_irB59IM
14. **Beyond the Suffering | Embracing the Legacy of African American Soul Care and Spiritual Direction** by Dr. Robert W. Kelleman, Karole A. Edwards
15. **Becoming Rooted | One Hundred Days of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth** by Randy Woodley
16. **Black Contemplative Preaching | A Hidden History of Prayer, Proclamation, and Prophetic Witness** by E. Trey Clark
17. **Black Liturgies** by Cole Arthur Riley <https://colearthuriley.com/writing/project-one-64g3t>
18. **Bread for the Resistance | Forty Devotions for Justice People** by Donna Barber
19. **Crisis Contemplation** by Barbara A. Holmes
20. **Disciplines of the Spirit (Howard Thurman Book) by Howard Thurman**
21. **Embodied Spirits | Stories of Spiritual Directors of Color** by Sherry Bryant-Johnson, Therese Taylor-Stinson, Rosalie Norman McNaney
22. **Emotionally Healthy Relationships Day by Day | A 40-Day Journey to Deeply Change Your Relationships** by Peter Scazzero
23. **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Day by Day | A 40-Day Journey with the Daily Office** by Peter Scazzero
24. **Every Moment Holy Volume II | Death Grief and Hope** by Douglas Kaine McKelvey
25. **Fasting | Spiritual Freedom Beyond Our Appetites** by Lynne M. Baab
26. **Forged in the Fiery Furnace | African American Spirituality** by Diana L. Hayes
27. **God Speaks Through Wombs | Poems on God's Unexpected Coming** by Drew Jackson
28. **Hallelujah, Anyhow! | A Memoir** by Barbara C. Harris
29. **Holy Disruption | Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark** by Tracy S. Daub

30. **Hush Harbor** | Praying in Secret by Freddi Williams Evans
31. **Kaleidoscope** | Broadening the Palette in the Art of Spiritual Direction by Ineda Pearl Adesanya
32. **Jesus and the Disinherited** by Howard Thurman
33. **Journey to Transformation: 2021 Lenten Study** by Sharma Lewis
34. **Journey to Transformation: 2022 Lenten Study** by Sharma Lewis
35. **Joyous Advent Family Christmas Devotional** by Katara Washington Patton
36. **Joy Unspeakable** by Barbara A. Holmes
37. **Just Discipleship** | Biblical Justice in an Unjust World by Michael J. Rhodes
38. **Kaleidoscope** | Broadening the Palette in the Art of Spiritual Direction by Ineda Pearl Adesanya
39. **Liberating Church: A Twenty-First Century Hush Harbor Manifesto** by Brandon Wrencher, Venneikia Samantha Williams, Lynice Pinkard
40. **Lent of Liberation** | Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery by Cheri L. Mills
41. **Lenten Lamentations** | Preparing to Participate in God's Mosaic Kingdom:
<https://lentenlamentations.wordpress.com/2017/03/01/march-1-day-1-of-lent>
42. **Life Together** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
43. **Meditations of the Heart** by Howard Thurman
44. **Our Unforming** | De-Westernizing Spiritual Formation Kindle Edition by Cindy S. Lee
45. **Plenty Good Room** | A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals by Marilyn E. Thornton
46. **Praying Our Goodbyes** | A Spiritual Companion Through Life's Losses and Sorrows by Joyce Rupp
47. **Prophetic Lament** | A Call for Justice in Troubled Times by Soong-Chan Rah
48. **Psalms for Black Lives** | Reflections for the Work of Liberation by Gabby Cudjoe-Wilkes
49. **Race and the Cosmos** by Barbara A. Holmes
50. **Resting Place** | A Personal Guide to Spiritual Retreats by Jane Rubietta
51. **Rise Up, Shepherd!** | Advent Reflections on the Spirituals by Luke A. Powery_

52. **Sacred Self-Care** | Daily Practices for Nurturing Our Whole Selves by Chanequa Walker-Barnes
53. **Seven Sacred Pauses** | Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day by Macrina Wiederkehr
54. **Sisters of the Spirit** by William L. Andrews
55. **Soul Care in African American Practice** by Barbara Peacock
56. **Spiritual Disciplines Handbook** | Practices That Transform Us Nov 19, 2015 Edition by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun
57. **Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership** | Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry by Ruth Haley Barton and Leighton Ford
58. **The Beatitudes** | From Slavery to Civil Rights by Carole Boston Weatherford
59. **The Cost of Discipleship** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
60. **The Desert Mothers** | Spiritual Practices from the Women of the Wilderness by Mary C. Earle
61. **The God Who Sees** | Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by Karen Gonzalez
62. **The Paraclete Psalter** | A Book of Daily Prayer
63. **The Seven Story Mountain** by Thomas Merton
64. **The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice** | A Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola by Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J.
65. **The Way of the Heart** by Henri J. M. Nouwen
66. **This Here Flesh** | Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories that Make Us by Cole Arthur Riley
67. **Voices of Lament** | Reflections on Brokenness and Hope in a World Longing for Justice by Natasha Sistrunk Robinson
68. **Walking with God through Pain and Suffering** by Timothy Keller
69. **Walking the Way of Harriet Tubman** | Public Mystic and Freedom Fighter by Therese Taylor-Stinson (Author)
70. **Walking with Our Ancestors** | Contemplation and Activism by Barbara Holmes
71. **Were You There?** | Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals by Luke A. Powery

72. What is Lectio Divina | Ascension Presents by Fr. Josh Johnson
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKYE0c3ik9k&ab_channel=AscensionPresents
73. What Makes You Come Alive | A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman by Lerita Coleman Brown
74. Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing (Volume 1) by Gayle Boss
75. Young, Gift, and Black | A Journey of Lament and Celebration Paperback by Sheila Wise Rowe
76. Journey with Jesus | Discovering the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius by Larry Warner
77. A Sanctified Art: <https://sanctifiedart.org/image-licensing-library>
78. Kelly Latimore Icons: <https://kellylatimoreicons.com/pages/gallery>

LINKS & PODCAST TO ENGAGE & EXPLORE

1. About Race by Reni Eddo-Lodge: <https://open.spotify.com/show/6RNwASBcNjuK4tuqdaXzBn>
2. Black Lives Matter Global Network Network Foundation: <https://blacklivesmatter.com/>
3. Civil Righteousness by Jonathan Tremaine (JT) Thomas: <https://civilrighteousness.org>
4. Color of Change: <https://colorofchange.org/about/>
5. Colorism | Why Asian People Want to Be White | Cheyenne Lin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Olh-OhDPAw>
6. Corey Evan Leak: www.coreyevanleak.com
7. Decolonized Discipleship: <https://www.sistamatictheology.com/blog1/2018/2/6/decolonized-discipleship>
8. Dr. King's Impact On The Fight for Civil Rights In Northern Ireland:
<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/dr-king-s-impact-fight-civil-rights-northern-ireland-n495701>
9. Equal Justice Initiative: <https://eji.org/>
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Prayers of Justice by prayerforanxious.com

Oh mighty God, All majesty is Yours alone.
You alone judge the nations.
Rise up, oh Lord!
Bring Your justice down.
Extend Your mighty hand, to crush the stronghold, of the enemy.
Send Your Holy Spirit, and legions of angels, to fight for us.
Bring justice, my God!
The blood of the martyrs, cries out.
Answer their cry!
Your perfect justice, measured only, by your perfect mercy.
All transgressions, paid in full, on the cross of Christ.
Let the truth of, Christ crucified, ring out, oh Lord!
Let the glory, of the resurrection of Your Son, pour justice, down upon us.
Come forth, oh Lord, come forth now!
In the holiest name of all, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Wake Our Country Up, Oh Lord!

Wake this country up Lord, so that the evil of racism finds no home within.
Keep watch over this country's heart Lord, and remove from it any barriers to Your grace, that may oppress and offend. Fill this country's spirit Lord, so that it may give services of justice and peace.
And remind us Lord that You said, "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." Amen.

Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr

GOD, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; a hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.

Litany for Racial Justice

Wise and loving God,
you have created, and are still creating,
a world rich with difference and diversity.
You have created all people in your image,
each expressing their being and living their life
in valid, special relationship with you.

For all this, we give you praise.

For historical acts of injustice and oppression
perpetuated against Aboriginal communities,

Black, and various Asian communities
in this abundant land of the First Nations:
Forgive us, merciful God.

For the times we have failed to recognize racism
in ourselves, in our church, in our society,
and the times we have failed to take action,
Forgive us, long-suffering God.

For complicity in systems of privilege and power
over those whose skin colour, culture, or creed
differ from those of the majority, even today:
Forgive us, compassionate God.

Grant us courage never to let a racist joke pass in our hearing,
commitment to insist on equal treatment of all persons and groups—
including ourselves if oppressed—
even at the risk of being unpopular or misunderstood:
We beseech you, God of justice.

Grant us patience in enduring periods of non-action,
persistence in resisting the evil of radical oppression,
and faithfulness in working toward racial justice
among your people, in the church, and in the world:
We beseech you, God of hope.

And grant us humility and wisdom to discern
when it is that your Spirit must come to accomplish
that which human beings and groups cannot.
We pray in the name of Jesus, himself
the bread of justice and the cup of solidarity. **Amen.**

Collective Prayers

Jesus, we ask for Your healing and comforting hand to hold all of those who have been affected by these tragic deaths. Be with [Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd's and others] family during this time of shock, grief, and mourning. Bear them up as they lay to rest their loved ones. Walk with them through their times of anger and their sorrow during this sudden unjust agony of all their tomorrows.

God, we are at a loss for words on how to pray for the persons who committed these unimaginable acts. Only You can completely understand their state of mind and heart. Release Your power of holiness, repentance, and righteousness within their souls. Your love is greater. May their souls walk in Your redeeming work of justice and conviction so that peace and restitution prevails.

O God, we thank You for Your Church, founded upon Your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us. Help us to realize that we are created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace, help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the kingdom of our Lord and of our God, we pray, in Jesus name...Amen (Martin Luther King Jr.).

Jesus, one of your final prayers was for unity among your people (John 17:21). I pray for the coming together of people of all colors, socioeconomic, and religious backgrounds within the church to seek you in united prayers of repentance to receive forgiveness for the sins of racism and empowerment to move toward reconciliation and conciliation. Enable church leaders to pave the way in pursuing racial healing with faith and love. Strengthen congregations leading multi-racial Bible study groups to be catalysts of change. Empower church leaders as they minister your Word with boldness, leading to healing in communities across this nation. May the church turn to God's Word and let it speak to the issues of justice and healing for which our nation cries out. "Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good (Heb. 10:24)."

Jesus be Banner of Peace over the "Peace Walks" in our communities. Guide us on the way of love and grace. Lead us on the way of honest dialogue and on the way of reconciliation between the people, city officials, church leaders, government officials, and social justice workers in our city. Help us, Holy Spirit, as we walk on the way of disarmament and justice and on the way of freedom and life for all (Howard Thurman).

Lord, I pray for justice and righteousness on earth that reflects the original design of heaven. May the inherent dignity and value of every person be recognized as they are empowered to maximize their God-given potential through righteous systems of order and justice. I pray against the strongholds of darkness that build corrupt systems of injustice. May any dark, spiritual, and ideological system be dismantled, as we rebuild new ways of thinking, being, and doing to honor and serve all people equally. Grant wisdom to those building social justice reforms in alignment with biblical truths. In recognizing the sinful nature of every person, we pray for the establishment of justice systemically rooted in the knowledge of Christ's saving grace, leading to societal transformation from the individual to the collective whole by the power of God. "The Lord is your mighty defender, perfect and just in all his ways; Your God is faithful and true; he does what is right and fair (Deut. 32:4)."

God, I pray you would heal the spiritual, emotional, and physical wounds many carry due to the color of their skin. Remove the spirit of division at the root of racism and replace it with your love, unity, and peace. Bring healing to those who are traumatized by racism personally or indirectly. Heal souls from the sin of racism which separate them from you and others. Bring healing to families and communities, as well as social and civil institutions. Bring racial unity through reforms in policy changes. Bring healing and righteousness to brokenness in educational, health care, employment, criminal justice, and housing systems. I pray for the wounds of trauma to be healed through the power of Scripture. "I will make you well again; I will heal your wounds, though your enemies say, 'Zion is an outcast; no one cares about her.' I, the Lord, have spoken (Jer. 30:17)."

Lord, I ask you to give empathy and understanding to those seeking education on racism to become agents of righteous change. Grant your church humility to have honest conversations about race,

building bridges with those of different ethnic backgrounds toward a unified message of justice pointing to the gospel. Enable all forms of government, community, and sectors of society to engage in loving discourse that honors all people in bringing social justice. May conversations lead to Spirit-led actions that transform communities and shift our national discourse. “My dear friends, you should be quick to listen and slow to speak or to get angry (Jam. 1:19).”

Lord, search my heart to reveal any offensive way in me that has contributed to the sin of racism. Produce in me and others across this nation a godly sorrow that leads to true repentance. Through forgiveness and reconciliation, bring healing from racism to communities that have been harmed by the silence, ignorance, and inaction that perpetuate racism. Redeem, restore, and renew through godly reconciliation. May believers in Christ live in greater love and unity as a result of repentance and forgiveness. “If [my people] pray to me and repent and turn away from the evil they have been doing, then I will hear them in heaven, forgive their sins, and make their land prosperous again (2 Chron. 7:14).”

God, awaken us to Your wisdom and teaching of the spiritual warfare that is happening in our cities. Let us see clearly these operations and respond, by Your Spirit, to infiltrate the demonic forces...the principalities, powers, and authorities...that sit in those high places. Thank You for equipping us with spiritual weaponry to stand firm and push back against the enemy’s assaults, his campaign of lies, distortions, oppressive behaviors, distractions, and accusations over us and our city. Keep each of us steady, clear-minded, braced, ready, walking wisely and living in victory. Fix our eyes upon You in these days.

Lord, you give us the unwavering call to do righteous and holy justice. You tell us to defend the cause of the fatherless and the widow. To provide for the hungry, thirsty, and naked. To love our enemy. May Your Spirit fill us with hope. Remind us that we are good enough for You, so that in all things, we will follow Your will, and take up the call to love mercy and to walk humbly with You (Erica VanEssendelft).

Prayer Guide is based out of American Bible Society, Lamentations 3, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Micah 6:8, Matthew 5:9, Psalm 82:3, James 1:19, Isaiah 1:17, Luke 11:42, Deuteronomy 32:4, Jeremiah 30:17, Psalm 89:14, Hebrew 10:24, and Deuteronomy 6:4-1



WHAT CAN WE DO?

As individuals and communities seeking to grow as allies and advocates, we are invited into a deeper journey...one that calls us beyond words into prayerful reflection, intentional action, and a closer alignment with God's heart. This journey is rooted in the deep wellsprings of African American history, spirituality, and the life of Jesus, drawing us into greater union with God as we stand with the marginalized, acknowledge the weight of systemic injustice, and allow Christ's love and justice to transform us.

Here are some practical steps to help us faithfully walk this path with open hearts and daily intention:

- 1. Make Space for Lament** – Recognize and honor the grief and exhaustion carried by the Black community. Lament is a sacred act that invites truth-telling and healing. As Cory Leak shares, *"We are living in a country that doesn't love us, and every day of our lives is emotionally taxing. We carry ancestral trauma in our bodies and the daily emotional tax of continually looking over our shoulder for anti-Black aggressions."*
- 2. Explore Your Own Family History** – Understanding our own story helps us reckon with history. Consider taking a DNA test or researching your genealogy. As Jaya Saxena notes, "Learning your history is forced reckoning, asking you to consider whose stories you carry with you and which ones you want to carry forward."
- 3. Support Black Churches and Nonprofits** – If you have the financial means, consider allocating resources from your budget as a tangible way to support and invest in Black-led ministries and organizations.
- 4. Integrate Anti-Racism Education** – Teach courses and engage in discussions on dismantling racial and caste-based hierarchies in church settings, such as new members' classes or sermon series (e.g., Sermon on the Mount, Elephant in the Room, Table Talks, Courageous Conversations).

5. **Build Bridges Through Fellowship** – Cultivate meaningful relationships across racial and cultural lines by collaborating with other churches and youth groups. Share meals and create intentional spaces for discussing justice.
6. **Engage with Diverse Voices** – Read, listen to, and learn from non-white authors, speakers, theologians, poets, artists, and creatives who offer wisdom and insight into faith and justice.
7. **Have Courageous Conversations in Family Spaces** – When confronted with racist remarks from relatives, respond with truth and love. These conversations, though difficult, can be transformative.
8. **Stand in Solidarity** – If called and able, show up physically in spaces of protest, bearing witness to injustice and advocating for change alongside Black communities.
9. **Seek Mentorship Beyond Your Own Racial Identity** – Be intentional about learning from Black leaders, pastors, and mentors...not as a symbolic gesture but as a genuine step toward spiritual and communal growth.
10. **Remain Present in Challenging Spaces** – Instead of retreating to places of comfort, lean into communities that need sustained presence and engagement. Healing-centered practices help cultivate long-term transformation.
11. **Advocate for Accountability in Leadership** – Use your voice to call for transparency and justice in policing, education, healthcare, and housing policies. Sign petitions, write letters, and engage with local leaders to push for systemic change.
12. **Speak Publicly Against Racism** – Rather than reaching out privately to Black friends with concern, take a stand on your platforms. When faced with pushback, hold firm to truth and love.
13. **Embrace Discomfort as a Path to Growth** – Ask yourself, “What is the next brave and right thing to do?” Trust that transformation happens one courageous step at a time.
14. **Reevaluate Educational Choices** – Consider the impact of school systems on racial inequity. Reflect on what arises within you when confronted with the realities of systemic oppression in education.
15. **Acknowledge and Leverage Privilege for Good** – Recognize white or light-skinned privilege and use it to create access and opportunities for Black individuals and communities.
16. **Speak Truth to Power** – Be willing to challenge unjust systems, even when it means risking financial or social security. Trust in God’s provision.
17. **Commit Time and Presence to Advocacy** – Engage with local justice organizations, attend meetings, and be willing to invest your own time and body in the work of equity and reconciliation.

18. Cultivate Meaningful, Lasting Relationships – Move beyond one-time encounters and invest in ongoing friendships across racial lines. Transformation happens in the context of authentic community.

19. Learn from Thought Leaders in Racial Healing – Engage with voices like Robin DiAngelo and Resmaa Menakem. Listen to their conversation on racial repair:

<https://onbeing.org/programs/robin-diangelo-and-resmaa-menakem-towards-a-framework-for-repair/#audio>

Remember, this journey is not about checking off a list but about continual transformation. As you reflect on these steps, consider who you can invite to walk alongside you. May we each respond to God's call with humility, courage, and a love that bears witness to the justice and mercy of Christ.

LIVING OUT JESUS' SERVICE IN COMMUNITY

When individuals or communities seek to understand liberation in spiritual formation, we are stepping into the sacred work of drawing all humanity into the reality and union of God. We invite you to view this journey through the lens of African American spirituality and the ethics and life of Jesus, where we are called to embody love, justice, and compassion (Matthew 5-7). Reggie Williams' Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus offers guidance on this path, urging us to stand with the marginalized while acknowledging deep injustices in our world. Walking this narrow path of transformation leads to deeper union with God and one another. Here are practical ways to live faithfully into this journey:

Standing with the Marginalized

- 1. Walking with the Homeless:** Engage beyond handouts by building relationships, learning stories, and connecting people to resources.
- 2. Supporting Immigrant & Refugee Families:** Offer assistance with paperwork, language learning, or community integration.
- 3. Economic Support & Fair Hiring:** Promote diverse hiring, supplier diversity, financial literacy programs, and wage equity.

Advocating for Justice

- 1. Racial & Economic Justice:** Attend city council meetings, support policy changes, and challenge systemic inequities.
- 2. Justice-Focused Education & Media:** Advocate for fair school policies, discuss racism with children, and support diverse creators.
- 3. Faith & Civic Engagement:** Vote for justice-oriented policies, write to representatives, and support grassroots movements.

Faith in Action

1. **Praying for Justice & Mercy:** Incorporate Micah 6:8 and Luke 4:18 into personal and communal prayers.
2. **Spiritual Freedom Conversations:** Explore Jesus' mission of liberation and how it applies to physical, emotional, and societal freedom.
3. **Liberation through Service:** Partner with ministries focused on justice, support formerly incarcerated individuals, and address food insecurity.
4. **Hosting Justice Conversations:** Gather neighbors or church members to discuss ways to tangibly live out justice and mercy.

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