

Prayers for Racial Reconciliation

Monday—Pray for an end to racism

Lord, we come to you and thank you for all that you have done and all that you have given to us. We ask and believe that you are a God of miracles. We believe that you will bring an end to racism in our community, nation and world. It is not of you, it is of the evil one. We ask that you would intervene and bring healing power. (*1 Chronicles 7:14*)

Tuesday—Pray for personal and church growth

Lord we pray for forgiveness of our sins. We pray for forgiveness of our words and actions that may have hurt others, both known and unknown. We know that you created each person in your image as your masterpiece, created to do good. (*Ephesians 2:10*) We ask for change in each individual person to end racism and we ask for The Jar to be a place of healing for all individuals, regardless of the color of their skin. Open our eyes to show us that we can be the church of unity that you have called for. (*John 17*)

Wednesday—Creating a dialogue

Lord we thank you that you made each one of us unique. We ask that we can see these unique qualities and engage in conversations about differences. Jesus we ask that you would help us to be quick to listen and slow to speak. (*James 1:19*) Help us to truly listen, as you do, and not try to be heard. Help us to be the first person to walk across a room to engage with people who are different than us. We want to learn from experiences different than our own, because that is what you do Lord.

Thursday—Pray for those who protect and serve our community

Lord, we pray for safety and security for all those that serve our community. Whether they are hired to do a job to serve or if they are volunteering, we ask for your protection. We pray over our police officers and all first responders. We pray for all of our government leaders and judicial system. (*Romans 13:1, 1 Timothy 2:1-2*). May they have open hearts and open ears to serve you and to treat all people with dignity. Thank you for the sacrifice that they make to help and serve others. We pray for your protection over each person that serves the greater good.

Friday—Pray for Future Generations/ Children/Schools

Lord, we ask that our children and our future generations are educated in a way that honors all people, in all walks of life. That they would do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with their God. (*Micah 6:8*) We pray for our future generations to advocate and end racism and any form of oppression. Lord, allow the eyes of children to see the world in a beautiful way and to follow You. We pray for parents to have wisdom to teach their children to love the difference in everyone, as Martin Luther King Jr. said, 'that our children would not judge others by the color of their skin but by the content of their character'. We pray over our schools for each school system in our community. Help each superintendent, principal, teacher, staff, student and parent to do unto others as they would have done unto them. (*Matthew 7:12*)