



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

COLONIALISM COLORISM & WHITENESS

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. **Imperial Intimacies | A Tale of Two Islands** by Hazel V. Carby
7. **Me and White Supremacy | Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor** by Layla Saad
8. **Momma, I Wanna Be Light-Skinned** by Rhonda R. Bennett
9. **Nice Racism | How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm** by Dr. Robin DiAngelo

10. **On Privilege, Fraudulence, and Teaching As Learning** | Selected Essays 1981–2019 by Peggy McIntosh
11. **Pathological Whiteness** by Dr Chanequa Walker Barnes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rc5VzRLgK_4&t=2s
12. **Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence** | Understanding and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues on Race 1st Edition by Derald Wing Sue
13. **RedisCIPLING the White Church** | From Cheap Diversity to True Solidarity by David W. Swanson
14. **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>
15. **Stamped from the Beginning** | The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi
16. **Strange Glory** | A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Charles Marsh
17. **Tears We Cannot Stop** | A Sermon to White America by Michael Eric Dyson
18. **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
19. **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
20. **The Wretched of the Earth** by Frantz Fanon
21. **Uprooting Racism** | How White People Can Work for Racial Justice by Paul Kivel
22. **White Awake** by Daniel Hill
23. **White Fragility** | Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Dr. Robin DiAngelo
24. **White Like Me** | Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son by Tim Wise
25. **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
26. **White Rage** | The Unspoken Truth of Our Nation's Divide by Carol Anderson <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBYUET24K1c>

27. **Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race** by Reni Eddo-Lodge

28. **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 Next Evangelicalism** | Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity by Dr. Soong-Chan Rah
25. **The Reconciliation Blues** | A Black Evangelical's Inside View of White Christianity by Edward Gilbreath
26. **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. **An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States** by Kyle T. Mays, Shaun Taylor-Corbett
13. **I Bring the Voices of My People** | A Womanist Vision for Racial Reconciliation (Prophetic Christianity) by Chanequa Walker-Barnes
14. **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou
15. **King** | A Live by Jonathan Eig
16. **Landscapes of Exclusion** | State Parks and Jim Crow in the American South by William E. O'Brien
17. **Long Walk to Freedom** | The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela by Nelson Mandela
18. **Medical Apartheid** | The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present by Harriet A. Washington
19. **Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass** | an American Slave by Fredrick Douglass
20. **Origins Of The Black Church** | Pre-slavery—Missionaries In Africa by Dr. Eric Washington Vanderbloemen: <https://www.vanderbloemen.com/blog/origins-pre-slavery-missionaries>
21. **Race Against Time** | A Reporter Reopens The Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era by Jerry Mitchell
22. **Race for Profit** | How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor
23. **The Spirit of Justice** | True Stories of Faith, Race, and Resistance by Jemar Tisby
24. **Stamped from the Beginning** | The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi

25. **Stony the Road** | Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow by Henry Louis Gates Jr.
26. **The 1619 Project** | A New Origin Story by Nikole Hannah-Jones, The New York Times Magazine
27. **The Color of Law** | A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein
28. **The Color of Money** | Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap by by Mehrsa Baradaran
29. **They Came Before Columbus** | The African Presence in Ancient America by Dr. Ivan Van Sertima
30. **The New Jim Crow** | Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
31. **The Warmth of Other Suns** | The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson
32. **When Affirmative Action Was White** | An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America by Ira Katznelson
33. **Women of the Somali Diaspora** | Refugees, Resilience and Rebuilding After Conflict by Joanna Lewis
34. **World Channel** | How America Invented Race: <https://worldchannel.org/episode/howpia-america-invented-race>
35. **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. **Abuelita Faith** | What Women on the Margins Teach Us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength by Kat Armas
3. **Anatomy of the Soul** | Surprising Connections between Neuroscience and Spiritual Practices That Can Transform Your Life and Relationships by Curt Thompson
4. **Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
5. **Decolonizing the Body** | Healing Body-Centered Practices for Women of Color to Reclaim Confidence, Dignity & Self-Worth by Kelsey Blackwell

6. **Enfleshing Freedom** | Body, Race, and Being (Innovations, African American Religious Thought) by M. Shawn Copeland
7. **God's Power to Help Hurting People** by Colleen Birchett
8. **Healing Racial Trauma** | The Road to Resilience by Sheila Wise Rowe
9. **Healing Leadership Trauma** | Finding Emotional Health and Helping Others Flourish by Nicholas Rowe, Sheila Wise Rowe
10. **Helping a Neighbor in Crisis** | How to Encourage When You Don't Know What To Say by Lisa Barnes Lampman
11. **Hermanas** | Deepening Our Identity and Growing Our Influence by Natalia Kohn Rivera
12. **How to Help Your Child Clean Up Their Mental Mess** | A Guide to Building Resilience and Managing Mental Health by Caroline Leaf
13. **I'm Still Here** | Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown
14. **In My Grandmother's House** | Black Women, Faith, and the Stories We Inherit by Yolanda Pierce
15. **Just Mercy** | A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
16. **Let Justice Roll Down** by John M. Perkins, Shane Claiborne
17. **My Grandmother's Hands** | Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies by Resmaa Menakem
18. **Nobody Cries When We Die** | God, Community, and Surviving to Adulthood by Patrick B. Reyes
19. **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>
20. **Open Wounds** | A Story of Racial Tragedy, Trauma, and Redemption by Phil Allen Jr.
21. **Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome** | America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing by Joy DeGruy Leary
22. **Shalom and the Community of Creation** | An Indigenous Vision by Randy Woodley
23. **Switch On Your Brain** | The Key to Peak Happiness, Thinking, and Health Kindle Edition by Dr. Caroline Leaf
24. **Suffering and the Heart of God** | How Trauma Destroys and Christ Restores by Diane Langberg

25. **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
26. **The Body Keeps the Score** | Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma by Bessel Van Der Kolk, M.D.
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. **Trauma and Race** | A Path to Wellbeing by Micah L. McCreary
31. **We Drive It – Inside the North Phillips School of Innovation:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgXh5YRSOnk&t=259s>
32. **Where Do We Go from Here** | Chaos or Community? (King Legacy) by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Vincent Harding, Coretta Scott King
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. **Advent Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals | Mary Had a Baby** by Cheryl Kirk-Duggan and Marilyn E. Thornton
9. **All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings** by Gayle Boss
10. **Anatomy of the Soul | Surprising Connections between Neuroscience and Spiritual Practices That Can Transform Your Life and Relationships** by Curt Thompson
11. **Backs Against The Wall | The Howard Thurman Story (2019)** by https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVl_irB59IM
12. **Beyond the Suffering | Embracing the Legacy of African American Soul Care and Spiritual Direction** by Dr. Robert W. Kellemen, Karole A. Edwards
13. **Becoming Rooted | One Hundred Days of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth** by Randy Woodley
14. **Black Liturgies** by Cole Arthur Riley <https://colearthurriley.com/writing/project-one-64g3t>
15. **Bread for the Resistance | Forty Devotions for Justice People** by Donna Barber
16. **Crisis Contemplation** by Barbara A. Holmes
17. **Disciplines of the Spirit (Howard Thurman Book) by Howard Thurman**
18. **Embodied Spirits | Stories of Spiritual Directors of Color** by Sherry Bryant-Johnson, Therese Taylor-Stinson, Rosalie Norman McNaney
19. **Emotionally Healthy Relationships Day by Day | A 40-Day Journey to Deeply Change Your Relationships** by Peter Scazzero
20. **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Day by Day | A 40-Day Journey with the Daily Office** by Peter Scazzero
21. **Every Moment Holy Volume II | Death Grief and Hope** by Douglas Kaine McKelvey
22. **Fasting | Spiritual Freedom Beyond Our Appetites** by Lynne M. Baab
23. **Forged in the Fiery Furnace | African American Spirituality** by Diana L. Hayes
24. **God Speaks Through Wombs | Poems on God's Unexpected Coming** by Drew Jackson
25. **Holy Disruption | Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark** by Tracy S. Daub

26. **Hush Harbor** | Praying in Secret by Freddi Williams Evans
27. **Jesus and the Disinherited** by Howard Thurman
28. **Joyous Advent Family Christmas Devotional** by Katara Washington Patton
29. **Joy Unspeakable** by Barbara A. Holmes
30. **Just Discipleship** | Biblical Justice in an Unjust World by Michael J. Rhodes
31. **Liberating Church: A Twenty-First Century Hush Harbor Manifesto** by Brandon Wrencher, Venneikia Samantha Williams, Lynice Pinkard
32. **Lent of Liberation** | Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery by Cheri L. Mills
33. **Lenten Lamentations** | Preparing to Participate in God's Mosaic Kingdom:
<https://lentenlamentations.wordpress.com/2017/03/01/march-1-day-1-of-lent>
34. **Life Together** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
35. **Meditations of the Heart** by Howard Thurman
36. **Our Unforming** | De-Westernizing Spiritual Formation Kindle Edition by Cindy S. Lee
37. **Plenty Good Room** | A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals by Marilyn E. Thornton
38. **Praying Our Goodbyes** | A Spiritual Companion Through Life's Loss and Sorrows by Joyce Rupp
39. **Prophetic Lament** | A Call for Justice in Troubled Times by Soong-Chan Rah
40. **Psalms for Black Lives** | Reflections for the Work of Liberation by Gabby Cudjoe-Wilkes
41. **Race and the Cosmos** by Barbara A. Holmes
42. **Resting Place** | A Personal Guide to Spiritual Retreats by Jane Rubietta
43. **Rise Up, Shepherd!** | Advent Reflections on the Spirituals by Luke A. Powery
44. **Seven Sacred Pauses** | Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day by Macrina Wiederkehr
45. **Sisters of the Spirit** by William L. Andrews
46. **Soul Care in African American Practice** by Barbara Peacock

47. **Spiritual Disciplines Handbook** | Practices That Transform Us Nov 19, 2015 Edition by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun
48. **Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership** | Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry by Ruth Haley Barton and Leighton Ford
49. **The Beatitudes** | From Slavery to Civil Rights by Carole Boston Weatherford
50. **The Cost of Discipleship** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
51. **The Desert Mothers** | Spiritual Practices from the Women of the Wilderness by Mary C. Earle
52. **The God Who Sees** | Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by Karen Gonzalez
53. **The Paraclete Psalter** | A Book of Daily Prayer
54. **The Seven Story Mountain** by Thomas Merton
55. **The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice** | A Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola by Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J.
56. **The Way of the Heart** by Henri J. M. Nouwen
57. **This Here Flesh** | Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories that Make Us by Cole Arthur Riley
58. **Voices of Lament** | Reflections on Brokenness and Hope in a World Longing for Justice by Natasha Sistrunk Robinson
59. **Walking with God through Pain and Suffering** by Timothy Keller
60. **Walking the Way of Harriet Tubman** | Public Mystic and Freedom Fighter by Therese Taylor-Stinson (Author)
61. **Walking with Our Ancestors** | Contemplation and Activism by Barbara Holmes
62. **Were You There?** | Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals by Luke A. Powery
63. **What is Lectio Divina** | Ascension Presents by Fr. Josh Johnson
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKYEOc3ik9k&ab_channel=AscensionPresents
64. **What Makes You Come Alive** | A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman by Lerita Coleman Brown
65. **Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing** (Volume 1) by Gayle Boss
66. **A Sanctified Art:** <https://sanctifiedart.org/image-licensing-library>

67. 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=70lh-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/>
10. **Exploring the Interconnections of Global Civil Rights Movements:**
[https://news.law.fordham.edu/blog/2021/05/20/exploring-the-interconnections-of-global-civil-rights-movements/
#:~:text=Dooley%20also%20described%20how%20the,we%20sat%20down%E2%80%9D%20Dooley%20recounted](https://news.law.fordham.edu/blog/2021/05/20/exploring-the-interconnections-of-global-civil-rights-movements/#:~:text=Dooley%20also%20described%20how%20the,we%20sat%20down%E2%80%9D%20Dooley%20recounted)
11. **FACE LA | Black & Asian Solidarity:** <https://www.facela.org/blackasiansolidarity>
12. **Holy Post Race In America Part 1:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGUwcs9qJXY&ab_channel=HolyPost
13. **Holy Post Race In America Part 2:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-yun74BJEc>
14. **How Southern Socialites Rewrote Civil War History:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOkFXPbILpU>
15. **How the Troubles Began in Northern Ireland:** <https://www.history.com/news/the-troubles-northern-ireland>

16. **Jim Wallis | Revealing Ways to Bridge the Divide:**
<https://www.theledger.com/story/news/2005/04/16/the-rev-jim-wallis-bridging-the-divide-between-the-left-and-the-right/26153123007>
17. **'Mominibus' Act to Tackle Racial Disparities in Maternal and Infant Health:**
<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/10/04/governor-newsom-signs-mominibus-act-to-tackle-racial-disparities-in-maternal-and-infant-health/>
18. **NAACP | National Association for the Advancement of Colored People:** <https://naacp.org/>
19. **National Public Radio | Code Switch Race In Your Face:** www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch
20. **N. Ireland and the U.S. | A Shared Civil Rights Struggle:**
https://www.npr.org/sections/newsandviews/2008/03/n_ireland_and_the_us_shared_ci.html
21. **On All Fronts | Asian American Stories of Resilience and Beyond:** <https://www.pbs.org/video/on-all-fronts-sohf8t>
22. **Poor Peoples Campaign:** <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/about/>
23. **Scene on Radio:** www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white
24. **Still Process |** <https://vimeo.com/884078569>
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PRAYERS & LAMENTS

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 the 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).

WHAT CAN WE DO?

When Christians—whether White, Non-Black, or Black individuals who feel culturally disconnected—seek to become better allies and advocates, the path forward invites more than words; it calls for prayerful reflection and intentional action. Rooted in African American history and spirituality as well as the life of Jesus, we are drawn into a deeper union with God, standing with the marginalized, recognizing the realities of systemic injustice, and allowing Christ’s love and justice to shape our hearts. Here are practical steps to guide us as we live out this transformation in our daily lives:

1. Give the Black community needed space to Lament. “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 (by Cory Leak).”
2. Make time to intentionally dig up your family’s history. Take a DNA test for ethnicity and genealogy mapping like ancestry.com. Follow the breadcrumbs of your own family history. “Learning your history is forced reckoning, asking you to consider whose stories you carry with you and which ones you want to carry forward (Jaya Saxena).”
3. Pay a form of reparations to Black churches and/or nonprofits from your organization’s budget.
4. Teach anti-racism (anti-caste systems) courses in your new members' classes or sermons (ex. Sermon on the Mount, Elephant in the Room, Table Talks, Courageous Conversations, etc.).
5. Collaborate with other churches, youth groups, etc., and have table fellowship with food to create space for conversations (ex. share what justice means)
6. Listen to the voices of non-white authors, speakers, teachers, theologians, singers, poets, artists, and creatives.
7. On family holidays when you know they are going to say something racist, confront your racist siblings and parents.
8. Stand in the streets with Black people and put your bodies on the line to be hit with tear gas too.
9. Be pastored or mentored by someone who is not white. Essentially sit under mindfully wise Black leadership and be mentored not for symbolism.
10. When you have the urge to want to move back to the “mid-west” or the “suburbs” because you are tired of the “trauma you’re experiencing” ...fight the urge and stay put. Lean in with love and be in healing-centered engagement circles.
11. Sign petitions, write letters, march, and protest to your local Mayor, Police Chief, and Representatives asking them for higher accountability for those officers who have enacted unjust violence, for transparency on the training being given to their police officers, for redirecting funds from PD budgets to education, healthcare, housing, etc.
12. Don’t be a Nicodemus and inbox Black people about how angry you are, say it in your own social media platform, and when your racist friends come out against you call them out.
13. Train yourself to be OK with being uncomfortable. Ask yourself “What is the next brave and right thing to do? Not the next 50 years...the next brave move.”
14. Unenroll your kids from high-priced privatized or parochial schools and put them in failing public schools with Black kids. The point is to think about what is happening in your mind, body, and

spirit when you read this suggestion. Allow your eyes to open up to the truth of systemic oppression in our school system.

15. Acknowledged your white (light-skin) privilege and use it as leverage to open doors for Black people.
16. Be willing to speak truth in love to power and let your donors board members or supporters be mad and take their money with them. God will provide in a new way.
17. Go to local chapters or meetings by such agencies and groups to put your own time and body on the line.
18. Actively, organically, be open to real, life-changing friendships with those you consider "other". And keep the relationship ongoing (don't just do a one-time encounter). For those of you who are already as active as you can be, who else are you taking on your journey? Who can you encourage to get involved?
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LIVING OUT JESUS' SERVICE IN COMMUNITY

When well-meaning Christians—whether White, Non-Black, or even Black individuals who feel culturally dissociated—seek to understand liberation in spiritual formation, they are stepping into the sacred work of drawing all humanity into the reality and union of God. Through the lens of African American spirituality and the life of Jesus, we are invited to embody love, justice, and compassion. Reggie Williams' *Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus* guides us in this journey, gently calling us to see and stand with the marginalized while recognizing the deep injustices in our world (Matthew 5-7, Sermon on the Mount). Let us reflect on how Christ's love and justice transform us to live in deeper union with God and each other.

✠ Walking with the Homeless

Imagine joining a local outreach group that serves meals to people experiencing homelessness. Instead of just dropping off food, you sit with them, learn their stories, and help connect them with housing or employment services. This is a real example of walking alongside the marginalized rather than providing a one-time handout.

✠ Supporting Immigrant Families

Think of an immigrant family in your neighborhood who struggles with navigating a new culture and language. Standing with them might look like helping them fill out important paperwork, teaching English, or simply being a consistent, supportive friend as they adjust to life in a new country.

✠ Advocating for Racial Justice

Picture someone attending city council meetings or participating in peaceful protests, advocating for policy changes that directly impact people of color, like police reform or housing equity. By taking an active stance, this person not only empathizes with those suffering injustice but works to dismantle the systems of oppression.

✦ Economic Support for the Poor

A community member could start or volunteer at a financial literacy program for low-income families, providing tools and education to break the cycle of poverty. This goes beyond charity, offering empowerment and long-term support to those often overlooked by mainstream financial systems.

✦ Joining Refugee Resettlement Efforts

Think of volunteering with organizations that help refugees. It could mean picking them up from the airport, furnishing their new apartment, or helping them integrate into their new community by connecting them with schools, jobs, and social services.

✦ Inclusive Hiring Practices

As a hiring manager or colleague, you can advocate for more diverse hiring practices by ensuring job postings reach underrepresented communities. You could push for blind resumes to eliminate bias or support mentorship programs for employees from marginalized groups.

✦ Challenging Pay Disparities

If you notice pay inequities in your workplace—especially along lines of race, gender, or other marginalized identities—speak up and push for transparent pay audits. Advocate for equal pay for equal work and support initiatives that address the wage gap.

✦ Supplier Diversity

If you're in procurement or have a say in which vendors the company uses, ensure that you're supporting underrepresented-owned, women-owned, or socially responsible businesses. This redirects resources to historically marginalized communities and promotes equity.

✦ Addressing Microaggressions

If you witness a colleague making a comment or joke that perpetuates stereotypes, don't stay silent. Gently but firmly address the issue by explaining why the comment is harmful, fostering an environment of respect and inclusion.

✦ Promoting Anti-Racism Training

Encourage your organization to invest in anti-racism or bias awareness training for all employees. This raises awareness about systemic racism and equips employees with tools to create a more equitable workplace culture.

✦ Voting for Justice-Oriented Policies

When election season comes around, research candidates and policies that prioritize dismantling systems of racism, inequality, and economic exploitation. Voting for representatives who support racial justice reforms, fair housing, and criminal justice reform is a key way to take action.

✦ Supporting Local Justice Movements

Get involved with grassroots organizations that fight for local issues like police reform, affordable housing, or healthcare access. Even if you don't lead the charge, showing up to meetings, donating, or advocating in your community amplifies the cause.

Writing to Representatives

Engage your political representatives by writing letters or emails urging them to address racial injustice, economic inequality, or other systemic issues. Your voice can influence policy decisions on issues such as fair wages, voting rights, and equitable access to education.

Boycotting Unethical Companies

Be mindful of where you spend your money. Support businesses that pay fair wages, prioritize sustainable practices, and treat workers—especially those from marginalized backgrounds—fairly. Boycott companies with exploitative labor practices or poor records on racial justice.

Engaging in Policy Reform at School

If you're involved in local school boards or PTA meetings, advocate for policies that address educational disparities, such as better funding for under-resourced schools or equitable disciplinary practices that reduce the school-to-prison pipeline.

Discussing Racism with Kids

Have open conversations with your children about racism, inequality, and justice. Use age-appropriate books, movies, or news events to teach them about the history and ongoing impact of systemic racism, encouraging empathy and action.

Modeling Inclusive Language and Behavior

Be intentional about how your family speaks about people from different backgrounds. Model respect and inclusivity in conversations at home by avoiding stereotypes, and teach your children to do the same. Show them how to challenge unfair language or actions when they encounter it at school or in social settings.

Support Diverse Media and Products

Make it a habit to expose your family to books, movies, and music created by people from diverse backgrounds. Celebrate the richness of different cultures and perspectives through your family's entertainment choices. This helps to counteract media that often excludes or misrepresents marginalized voices.

Volunteering Together

Get involved in local community service projects as a family that supports marginalized groups. You can volunteer at shelters, food banks, or local initiatives that address racial or economic disparities. This not only helps your community but instills values of justice and service in your children.

Supporting Underrepresented-Owned Businesses

Make a family decision to regularly buy from underrepresented businesses in your area. When shopping for food, clothes, or services, intentionally seek out businesses run by people from marginalized communities, teaching your children the importance of economic justice.

Attend Community Events

Participate in local events or peaceful protests that focus on justice issues, such as racial equity or immigrant rights. This can be a powerful experience for children to see their family standing up for what is right, helping them understand that change happens when communities unite.

Encouraging Civic Engagement

If your children are old enough, encourage them to get involved in activism, such as writing letters to representatives or participating in youth groups that focus on social justice. You can also model civic responsibility by taking your children with you when you vote and explaining why voting for policies that address systemic oppression matters.

Praying for Justice Together

Incorporate prayers for justice, equity, and compassion into your family's spiritual practices. Pray specifically for those who are suffering due to systemic racism, poverty, or oppression, and for the wisdom and courage to be agents of change.

Living Out Faith Values

Encourage your family to live out the values of mercy, justice, and love in practical ways, drawing from biblical principles. This might include acts of kindness toward marginalized neighbors, advocating for fair treatment at school or work, or standing up for someone being mistreated.

Partnering with Justice-Focused Ministries

As a family, partner with churches or ministries that focus on justice and serving the marginalized. Whether through mission trips, local outreach, or financial support, involve your children in faith-driven work that fights systemic oppression.

Family Justice Projects

As a family, create a "justice project" where you focus on one area of oppression each month, such as hunger, homelessness, or immigration. Together, research the issue, pray about it, and find ways to help, whether by volunteering, donating, or raising awareness in your community.

Encouraging Open Dialogue

Create a home environment where family members feel safe discussing injustice they witness or experience. Whether it's bullying at school, racial bias, or unfair treatment, encourage your children to share their feelings and help them think through ways they can stand up for what's right.

Spiritual Freedom Conversations

Engage in family devotionals where you explore what it means to be free—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Discuss how Jesus' mission of liberation from Luke 4:18 can be lived out in your lives, whether through freeing others from injustice or finding spiritual freedom from fear, anxiety, or harmful behaviors.

✠ Liberation through Service

As a family, serve those in bondage to poverty or oppression in your community. This could look like working with organizations that support formerly incarcerated individuals, helping them reintegrate into society, or advocating for fair wages for marginalized workers.

✠ Hosting Justice Conversations with Neighbors

Invite neighbors and friends over to discuss justice and mercy as central to faith. You could share scriptures like Micah 6:8 and Luke 4:18 and brainstorm together how your community can help address local injustices, such as food insecurity or racial discrimination.

✠ Participating in Freedom-Focused Events

Join family-friendly events like community forums, protests, or social justice festivals that promote freedom for the oppressed. These could focus on racial equality, immigrant rights, or economic justice. As a family, participate in activities that allow your children to witness and experience what liberation in action looks like.

✠ Justice and Mercy in Prayer

Incorporate Micah 6:8 and Luke 4:18 into your family's prayer life. Pray specifically for those in your community and around the world who are oppressed, asking for God's guidance in how your family can be part of the solution. Pray for courage to live out a faith that prioritizes justice and mercy in daily actions.

✠ Supporting Freedom Ministries

Partner with or financially support ministries that work toward liberating people from modern forms of bondage—whether through anti-human trafficking efforts, prison ministry, or supporting refugees. Involve your children in learning about these ministries and discuss why this work reflects Jesus' heart for liberation.

✠ Liberation in Spiritual Formation

As part of your family's spiritual growth, reflect on how Jesus' mission to free the oppressed (Luke 4:18) impacts your daily faith. Discuss how liberation from fear, shame, or harmful cycles is not just social but spiritual. Encourage each family member to seek personal freedom in Christ and help others do the same by standing against systems of injustice.

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