

Bidding Prayers for Racial Justice and Reconciliation

For the Church and Believers

1. For the universal Church: that it may be a true reflection of God's kingdom, welcoming people of every race, language, and background with equal love, dignity, and honour.
Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.
2. For our local parish and community: that we may actively dismantle prejudices within our own hearts and pews, ensuring everyone feels they truly belong.
Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.
3. For church leaders, bishops, and clergy: that they may speak boldly against the sin of racism and lead their congregations in the pursuit of racial justice.
Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.
4. For theologians and educators within the faith: that they may highlight the rich, diverse heritage of the global Church and challenge narratives that exclude or marginalise.
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For Repentance and Healing

5. For the times we have been complicit in racial injustice, whether through action, inaction, or silence: that God may grant us the grace of true repentance and the courage to change.
Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.
6. For those who have suffered the deep wounds of racism and discrimination: that they may find healing, comfort, and the unwavering support of their neighbours.
Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.
7. For the healing of historical divisions and systemic inequalities: that societies may honestly confront the shadows of their past and work towards genuine reconciliation.
Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.
8. For families torn apart or burdened by racial violence and prejudice: that God's peace may surround them and that justice may be swiftly realised.
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For Society and Civic Leaders

9. For governments, lawmakers, and civic leaders: that they may enact policies that protect the vulnerable, dismantle systemic racism, and promote the flourishing of all communities.
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10. For the justice system, police forces, and courts: that they may act with fairness and equity, treating every individual with the dignity fitting a child of God, regardless of their race.
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11. For those who work in media and communication: that they may use their platforms to share truthful, diverse stories and avoid perpetuating harmful racial stereotypes.
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12. For educators and schools: that they may foster environments where children of all ethnicities are celebrated, history is taught honestly, and mutual respect is cultivated.

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For Action and Advocacy

13. For activists, community organisers, and all who campaign for racial equality: that they may be granted resilience, wisdom, and safety in their vital work.

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14. For those who feel exhausted or discouraged in the fight for justice: that the Holy Spirit may renew their strength and fill them with enduring hope.

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15. For employers and businesses: that they may create equitable workplaces, root out discriminatory practices, and offer fair opportunities to people of minority ethnic backgrounds.

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16. For those in positions of privilege: that they may listen humbly to the lived experiences of marginalised groups and use their influence to advocate for meaningful change.

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For Global Solidarity

17. For refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants who face xenophobia and racial hostility: that they may find safe harbour, compassionate neighbours, and communities that recognise their immense worth.

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18. For nations currently torn apart by ethnic or racial conflict: that the Prince of Peace may intervene, softening hearts and opening pathways to dialogue and harmony.

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19. For indigenous communities around the world: that their lands, cultures, and rights may be respected, honoured, and preserved against the forces of exploitation.

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20. For global solidarity: that humanity may recognise its shared interconnectedness and cast aside the false borders of racial division.

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For the Future and the Departed

21. For the youth and future generations: that they may grow up in a world free from the poison of racism, inheriting a society built on mutual respect and unbreakable unity.

Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

22. For an increase in empathy and understanding in our daily lives: that we may cross cultural divides to form genuine friendships, learning to see Christ in the face of the stranger.

Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

23. For the sick, the lonely, and those whose suffering is compounded by racial inequalities in healthcare and society: that they may receive compassionate care and

equitable treatment.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

24. For those who have lost their lives to racist violence, and for all our departed brothers and sisters: that they may rest in the eternal peace of God's kingdom, where there is no division, only love.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**