



January 2017 Prayer Guide

RACIAL RECONCILIATION



SALVATION

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:26-28, NIV

Pray:

- Pray that as Christians walk in a spirit of unity and love, the world would be drawn to the Father.
- Pray for God’s redemptive work in the lives of those bound by a racist mindset or behaviors.
- Ask God to reveal Himself to immigrants and those of other faiths.
- Pray for the salvation of people within your sphere of influence.



THE CHURCH

“The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.” Proverbs 29:7, NIV

Pray:

- Pray for an awakening within the body of Christ so that Christians everywhere would acknowledge the destruction caused by racism.
- Pray that God would give us wisdom for removing social barriers within the body of Christ.
- Praise God for the pastors who are personally working towards sincere racial reconciliation and leading their congregations to do the same.
- Ask God to bring more pastors to the table so that the Church is leading the way in these efforts in a loving and gentle way.



OUR COMMUNITIES

“Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.” 1 John 2:9, NIV

Pray:

- Pray for the communities across the country who have experienced traumatic events involving racial elements.
- Pray for neighbors, co-workers, and schoolmates who have been traumatized by racism personally or indirectly, and ask God to help them forgive.
- For God to bring light to our own implicit biases.



TRANSFORMATION

“Do not take advantage of each other, but fear your God. I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus 25:17, NIV

Pray:

- Pray for wisdom and favor regarding criminal justice reform, drug courts, diversion programs, and other forms of alternative sentencing as well as other policy changes that need to occur.
- Pray for law enforcement all over America. For combating crime and racial unity.
- Pray for those leading efforts to promote racial reconciliation.
- Pray for the racial divides in Columbus. Ask God to break down the walls between communities so that relationships can be formed that lead to courageous conversations and mutual understanding.