

Racial Reconciliation

Lord, help me...

- Listen more than I speak
- Appreciate the differences in all people
- Foster genuine friendships with those of other races
- Use my words to renounce racism
- Shed all pride and clothe myself in humility considering others better than myself
- Mourn the parts of history that are shameful

Lord, I confess that...

- I have been judgmental of others' actions and motivations
- I have failed to love others as you have loved me
- I have made assumptions of others based on my own experiences
- I have allowed fear to diminish my faith
- Bitterness and resentment have affected the way I treat others
- I have failed to pray fervently for racial reconciliation
- My own bias has affected how I see and value other people

Lord, help the church...

- Pursue unity because we are brothers and sisters in Christ
- Seek a spirit of oneness honoring what makes us each unique
- Demonstrate the love we have received from You in the way we love others
- Be a reflection of Heaven here on earth
- Engage in culture without being conformed to culture
- Be a leader in reconciliation showing others how to honor differences and respect diversity

Lord, help our local, state, and national government leaders...

- -Actively pursue reform in our justice system
- -Eradicate unfair practices and treatment by law enforcement
- -Give minority leaders an equal voice in decisions
- -Recognize and address their own biases and assumptions
- -Be filled with Your wisdom to know what is best
- -Be more concerned with what is right than with what is popular
- -Address the root causes of racism not just the symptoms

Lord,
in your mercy
hear our
prayers.