

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**PRAY.** Use this Prayer Guide to continue to pray for racial reconciliation; go to [unitethechurch.org/ap4c](http://unitethechurch.org/ap4c) for additional Prayer Guides about other ongoing issues.

Also pray about these **Next Steps**:

### LEARN.

- There are many helpful resources on Unite's website. Go to [unitethechurch.org/racial-reconciliation](http://unitethechurch.org/racial-reconciliation).
- [www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2016/october/race-in-america-how-two-pastors-and-dozens-of-churches-part.html](http://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2016/october/race-in-america-how-two-pastors-and-dozens-of-churches-part.html)

### SERVE.

- Participate in *Transform Dallas* each April. Visit [www.dlftx.org/transform-dallas](http://www.dlftx.org/transform-dallas) to learn more.
- Participate in or facilitate a Threaded small group. Visit [wearethreaded.org/joinagroup](http://wearethreaded.org/joinagroup) to learn more.

### TELL.

- Host a screening of the documentaries *13th* or *White Like Me* for your friends, family, church, or small group.
- Choose a racial reconciliation devotional (see first link under "Learn") to read and discuss together.

For more information or to share ideas and additional resources, email [reconciliation@unitethechurch.org](mailto:reconciliation@unitethechurch.org)



## RACIAL RECONCILIATION PRAYER GUIDE

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"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

This AP4C guide focuses on the issue of **Racial Reconciliation**.

Can America truly achieve racial reconciliation? Can our country move beyond strife and find common ground for cooperation, peace, communication, and education? The answer is yes. But not without prayer.

The ministry of reconciliation (something to do) and the word of reconciliation (something to say) are the foundations for racial reconciliation in America. The ministry of Jesus is the ministry of reconciliation. It's the key to Jesus' prayer in John 17:21 "*that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*" It is only when the world sees unity among those who declare themselves Christian that they can have hope to address their own divisions.

Please prepare your heart before you begin to pray through the AP4C categories, so that these Scriptures and your time with God can renew your heart.



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All Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, NIV translation.  
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## 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*

- Pray for God’s redemptive work in the lives of those bound by a racist mindset or behaviors, and pray for endurance for those who are working toward healing and unity.
- Pray that as Christians walk in a spirit of unity and love, the world would be drawn to you.
- Ask God to reveal Himself to immigrants and those of other faiths who often feel discriminated against in America.
- Continue to 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*

- Pray for an awakening within the body of Christ so that Christians everywhere would acknowledge the destruction caused by individual and systemic racism.
- Ask God to humble Christians of all races and to help us remember that because He shows no partiality, neither should we.
- 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*

- Pray for the communities across the country who have experienced traumatic events that involve racial elements.
- Pray for neighbors, co-workers, and schoolmates who have been traumatized by racism personally or indirectly, and ask God to help them heal and forgive.
- Pray that all of us would recognize our own implicit biases—but especially school teachers, employers, law enforcement, and other influencers in our community.
- Thank God for the good work done by many to address and prevent racial discrimination.

## TRANSFORMATION

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

- 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 to address systemic racism.
- Pray for law enforcement all over America. Pray for more community policing collaboratives as a strategy to combat crime and promote racial unity.
- Praise God for Transform Dallas , a citywide day of service that promotes racial unity. Pray that it would greatly glorify God.
- Pray for those leading efforts to promote racial reconciliation in an effective, organized, and sincere way here and in other cities.
- Dallas is a very racially divided city. Ask God to break down the walls between communities so that relationships can be formed that lead to courageous conversations and mutual understanding. Pray specifically for the divide between North and South Dallas.