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February 2023 Prayer Guide - Racial Justice

ANSWERED PRAYERS

- Praise God for the renovation and opening of the **West Side's Eden Center** that serves faith-based, Kingdom-minded nonprofit organizations, ministries and social enterprises by providing office and meeting space at a reasonable cost. Community programs and youth development are central to the facility in an area where poverty, drug addiction and trafficking are at an all-time high. God is on the move and we praise Him for this blessing!
 - Praise God that the **Church in Columbus has overwhelmingly responded to the refugees coming to our city**. So much so that some have even been turned away because there were so many to help! One Muslim Afghan remarked how Christians here are the kindest people he has met. **Praise God we as the body of Christ are being a light to these precious souls.**
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SPECIFIC REQUESTS

- **Ask God to help us all stand together against racism and injustice.** Pray that we would make great strides against the rulers and authorities in the unseen realm as we lock arms with the full armor of God.
- Where there is bitterness and division, pray for repentance and restoration. May the world see the **body of Christ working together to seek the good of the city and advancement of the good news of Christ.**
- Pray for God to bind up broken hearts with the issue of racism in America. Let's look to Him for **supernatural healing, open hearts and steps towards reconciliation.** May eyes be open and hearts soft to hear fresh perspectives.
- Please **pray for abundant financial provision** for the work of reaching the city of Columbus. Pray for generosity among Christ-followers in our city.
- Pray for a **movement of the Holy Spirit** in our city that empowers true disciple-making and a hunger and a thirst for God's Word.
- **Ask God for a compelling vision for the flourishing peace of Columbus** that inspires leaders across our city. Ask God to help leaders listen to one another and gain understanding for moving forward.

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February 2023 Personal Prayer Guide

PRAISE and THANKSGIVING

- **Praise God for His magnificent purpose to create in Himself one new humanity** (see Ephesians 2:15-16).
 - **Praise God that He is a God of reconciliation and redemption.** Meditate on the redemption stories of Joseph and his brothers, Esther and her people and ultimately Jesus and His resurrection. (see *Genesis 45, Esther 8:15-17, and Matthew 28:5-6*). Praise Him for who He is!
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CONFESSION and INTERCESSION

- **Ask God to speak to you personally about racism and injustice. Invite the Holy Spirit to convict you** of anything in you that is out of alignment with His will. **Yield to God's prompting** if confession or forgiveness is needed.
 - **Bless your family, neighborhood and all of Columbus with a spirit of repentance, reconciliation and healing** especially in the body of Christ.
 - Ask God to **break down divisions between primarily white and black churches as well as congregations of different ethnicities.** May we stand together, endure and persevere together with grace and forgiveness.
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PRAY ALOUD

Father, You are the God of reconciliation. You are the God of redemption. You made a way through your shed blood to bring about reconciliation with You. You have redeemed us and bought us at an unfathomably high price. We pray that the forgiveness You offer us would move us to extend grace and forgiveness to those who have wronged us. We ask for a complete end to racism in our nation and for radical healing for all affected. May you uncover and expose all perpetrators of injustice and evil everywhere. End systemic injustice and unconscious bias. May justice be served for all. Instead of attacking one another, help us to stand together against our unseen foes. Father God, bring Your healing and bind up our broken hearts. We desperately need You to intervene. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.