

100 Days of Prayer: Prayers for Dismantling Racism

During Lent this year, the Dismantling Racism Initiative is asking the people called United Methodists to address racism in prayer as part of our 100 Days of Prayer for the safety and health of our nation. The nation cannot be healthy when a large percentage of its citizens are treated as “other” and often “less than.” This is true of Americans of all races and backgrounds other than Caucasian. As a help, we suggest you raise your prayers on the seven Wednesdays of Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday. Here are suggested topics you may want to address:

Ash Wednesday, February 17 – Please pray for God’s guidance for the UMC as we endeavor to lead the dismantling of racism in Indiana and in the U.S.

February 24 – Please pray for Rev. Annetra Jones, the newly-appointed Associate Director of Diversity, Missions, and Justice Ministries for the Indiana United Methodist Church. May her work be blessed.

March 3 – Please pray for the memories and for the families of all those who, throughout the history of our nation, have been lynched, murdered, or wrongly executed because of their race.

March 10 – We ask that you pray for the current victims of on-going racism, which though sometimes subtle is still a constant theme in this country.

March 17 – Pray for the eyes of all those who participate in hidden and unconscious racism to be opened, and for their hearts and actions to be changed.

March 24 – Please pray for our justice system, from law enforcement to the courts, to be cleansed and purged of racism, both individual and systemic.

March 31 – Pray for our individual churches, that they may embody the Spirit and life of Christ, as described in Scripture, in loving all alike and in practicing justice and mercy around racism.

