



DC127

8:46 of Prayer

1. **Pray for George Floyd's family & friends**, especially for Philonise, his brother, who has been vocal in his grief and in his drive to see systemic change happen in local and federal policies. Pray for George's 5 children, that they would know comfort, be protected, and able to process their sadness.
2. **Pray for our Black and Brown brothers and sisters**, especially those in our city and church community, who have felt wearied, discouraged, or frightened by these events. Pray for their comfort, endurance, and hope. And pray we might support them wisely and with the gentleness of love.
3. **Pray for the families who have lost their children**. Pray for our culture which persists in seeing Black men as threats to be managed, subjugated, and eliminated, and treats them accordingly, too often with tragic and violent consequences. Pray that God will heal families that have experienced brokenness and that loved ones are bound together by His grace.
4. **Pray for the young people of our city**. Pray that they are led by love. Pray they are respected and listened to as they lead the conversation around systemic injustice. Pray for God's protection over them, and for all the children DC127 serves, as many of them are directly impacted by racism. Pray that they have the opportunity to grow into the fullness of who God created them to be.
5. **Pray for true repentance from the sin of racism**. Pray for racial harmony, yes, but pray more so for racial repentance and understanding. Pray that Black people in America will be more fully honored and protected as *bearers of God's image*, and that our laws, the enforcement of those laws, and our society's norms will more truly reflect their God-endowed identity.
6. **Pray not for superficial peace, but rather, for justice**. Yes, pray against evil. Pray against violence, whether it is instigated by protestors or police. Pray for law enforcement, whose responsibility is immense and challenging. But *pray also* against any quelling of unrest that quiets legitimate cries of anguish and anger. Pray against the covering over of real issues of racism and sinful social disorders in the name of "order." Pray for *true peace, positive peace—justice*.
7. **Pray for the Church**. Pray that we would pray. Pray that we would resist the sins of our culture. Pray against our "laxity," fear, and social neglect in the face of evil. Pray for DC127 volunteers as they engage in the work of racial justice through faith in action. Pray that we as the Church would be righteous salt and light, true neighbors in our city.
8. **Pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal our own unconscious biases**. Pray that we would be quick to repent and offer restitution where needed. Pray that we would grow in wisdom in fulfilling our calling as God's people to "seek justice, defend the oppressed" (*Isa. 1:17*), to resist self-righteousness and repent readily ourselves (*Luke 18:9-14*), and to be the reconciled people of God (*Eph. 2:14-22*).
9. "We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people... We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy and transform our pending national elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. Now is the time to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity."
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., [Letter from a Birmingham Jail](#), April 16, 1963

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