



# Prayer Guide: 22 Bullets on Issues of Race & Unity

## Pray For Hearts

- Humility to first see people as image-bearers of God.
- Gratitude for the way other ethnicities uniquely reflect the glory of God.
- Conviction where we judge people based on the color of their skin.
- Forgiveness for our lack of love in understanding the unique joys and sorrows a particular ethnic group carries.
- Compassion to bear one another's burdens where we experience racial injustice.
- Faith in God as our Protector and Defender in the face of every evil
- Joyful confidence in the midst of ethnic suffering that Jesus will make all things new.

## Pray For The Church

- Courage to ask hard questions and talk about culturally-sensitive issues.
- Humility to confess sins of racism no less than other area of temptation or sin.
- Ethnic diversity that magnifies the unifying power of the gospel.
- Raise up qualified elders and deacons from different ethnic groups.
- Meaningful friendships with people who look different than us.
- Wisdom in supporting families who are navigating joys and challenges of interracial marriage or adoption.
- Opportunities to support and care for foster children from different ethnic backgrounds.

## Pray For The Country

- Godly sorrow over the historic devastation racism has wrought in our communities.
- Deliverance from bitterness and hatred.
- Conversations about racial issues where we are quick to listen and slow to speak.
- A judicial system that is cleansed from every vestige of institutional racism.
- Legal protection and justice for victims of racially-motivated crimes.
- Wisdom and patience for law enforcement officers navigating racial tensions.

- Raise up God-fearing minorities in significant positions of cultural leadership.
- Courage for other churches to pursue racial reconciliation with faith and love.