



Franciscan Day of Prayer to End Racism

January 21, 2019

A Prayer to Address the Sin of Racism

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We pray for the grace to recognize the systems that do not support the dignity of every person, that do not promote respect for those who are seen as other, who bear the legacy of centuries of discrimination, fear and violence.

We pray for graced structures so children of color in Flint – and all children – have access to clean water and health care.

We pray for graced structures so children of color in Mississippi – and all children – have quality education that will allow them to develop their gifts.

We pray for graced structures so children of color in Camden – and all children – have homes where families can live in dignity and security.

We pray for graced structures so children of color in Chicago – and all children – can grow up without fear, without the sound of gunshots.

Lord of all, we ask you to hear and answer our prayers. Give us eyes to see how the past has shaped the complex present, and to perceive how we must create a new way forward, with a new sense of community that embraces and celebrates the rich diversity of all, that helps us live out your call to reject the sin of racism, the stain of hate, and to seek a compassionate solidarity supported by Your grace and Your love.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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