

# Prayer to Address the Sin of Racism

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We pray for healing to address  
The persistent sin of racism  
Which rejects the full humanity  
Of some of your children,  
And the talents and potential You have given.

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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