

RECONCILE

In Latin, the word (re-concilare) has a relational sense: “to bring together again” or to connect otherwise disconnected people or ideas.

When asked to describe racial reconciliation in six words or less, here’s what some wrote:

"continually & collectively laboring for shalom between the races" "restoring what is relationally broken" “promoting harmony, just treatment, unity, restoration between races" "recognizing, supporting, and understanding the underrepresented" "intentional movement toward understanding all people" "making peace through reparation of wrongs" "pursuit of equal partnership in relationships" "intentional efforts towards healing between races" "coming together again healing broken relationships"

WRITE

What six words or less would you use?

Write them on the paper at this prayer station.

Jesus’ prayer before He dies, is that we, His people—all of us—will experience the kind of unity that the members of the Trinity experience. That we (black, white, yellow & brown; male & female; young & old; from every people, tribe, tongue & nation) may be one. Jesus said that the world will know that the Father has sent the Son, because of the witness of the unity that we have with one another. Reconciliation is an expression of unity that is missional & evangelistic in its effect. It reveals that Christ has come. Racial reconciliation is righteousness & justice of God in action.

PRAY

Pray for unity, racial reconciliation, & integrated diversity within:

Your church. The Church at large. In your city. In the nation.

PREPARE

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.

-Jesus



5 Components Of Sustainable Racial Reconciliation

You're invited to prepare your soul & posture your heart to engage in the work of reconciliation. Take time to consider each component.

Humility

Prepare to prioritize your identity in Christ above your racial identity. Prepare to take the posture of an apprentice of racial justice & reconciliation, & pursue learning from those who have lived with racism more than from those who have not.

Mercy

People are going to get it wrong sometimes. Prepare your soul to walk in patience & forgiveness with one another when engaging in difficult & sensitive dialogue about race.

Wound Washing

Prepare to tread softly around the pain of others. Reconciliation means prioritizing listening to & lamenting with those suffering injustice. Wounds are washed by acts of love & humility more than by debate.

Making Right

Racial reconciliation efforts should include a commitment to help dismantle the structures, systems, cultural norms & personal biases that perpetuate racial inequity. Prepare space in your heart & schedule for the ways God will invite you to partner with him in the practical work of racial justice.

Making Friends

Reconciliation looks like ongoing messy, authentic, slow, loving participation in one another's lives. Prepare your heart to make ongoing relational space for integrating those of different ethnicities into your life. - Not as a racial project but as authentic mutually-supportive friendships.



Spend time filling in some of the spaces with color and reflecting on one or two things God highlighted to you during your time in the prayer room.



Stand in front of this door, close your eyes & ask God what is just one thing you can do or stop doing as a next step in pursuing racial justice or racial reconciliation.

Write His reply on a piece of tape & tape it to this door.

Interactive Element:

For this station use a door in the prayer space.

Provide a marker & a roll of masking tape.

Use this or a similar image taped in the center of the door at average eye level.



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