Racial Reconciliation

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