

Juneteenth Prayer - Let Us Not Forget

From the Pax Christi Anti-Racism Team

Hymn – [Stand Up](#) – Cynthia Erivo

Scripture – **Matthew 6:24**

Jesus said to his disciples: “No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Hymn – [Your Grace and Mercy](#) – The Mississippi Mass Choir

Litany for Racial Justice

~ Adapted from the Association of Jesuit Colleges & Universities & an unknown author

For our Church and Pastoral Leadership, may they listen to and embrace the urging of the Holy Spirit, *we pray to the Lord.*

For creative and sustainable ways to achieve justice, equality, and equity for all people, *we pray to the Lord.*

For all those who have died because of racial hatred, neglect, or indifference, for those loved ones who are left behind to mourn, and for the souls of those whose hearts remain cold, *we pray to the Lord.*

For all those who are unemployed, underemployed, who long to work, for all those who struggle to support themselves and their families, *we pray to the Lord.*

For effective and lasting change to the pervasive systemic and structural racism of police forces, the criminal justice system, social services, immigration, justice and peace organizations, and our Church, *we pray to the Lord.*

For the conversion of our own eyes, hearts, and hands so that we see, respond urgently to the call of our Black and Brown brothers and sisters, *we pray to the Lord.*

For those who commit themselves to the forgiveness and reconciliation, *we pray to the Lord.*

That we grow in appreciation for our blessings and awareness of those areas where growth is still needed in how we live God’s call to justice and love, *we pray to the Lord.*

That the rich history of Blacks, in particularly Black Catholics, help inspires a deeper sense of unity and interracial harmony in our Church and in our world, *we pray to the Lord.*

Hymn – [Glory](#) – Common and John Legend