

Black History Month Prayers



October is Black History Month in the United Kingdom where it has been celebrated since 1987. It is celebrated in February in the United States of America.

It is a time set aside to recognise and honour the contributions of black heritage and culture in our society and history.

Micah 6 v 8

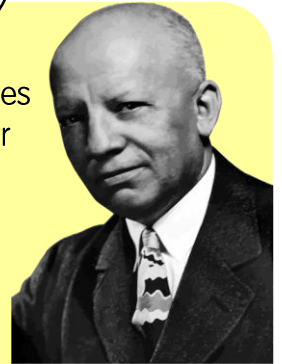
The Lord has told you, human, what is good; he has told you what he wants from you: to do what is right to other people, love being kind to others, and live humbly, obeying your God.

Spend some time talking and listening to God.

What part is God calling you to play in making the world a place of equality and justice?

What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate and religious prejudice.

Carter G. Woodson was born in Virginia in the United States in 1875. He is known as the 'Father of Black History' because of his work to promote the teaching of black history in schools.



Carter said that if you teach a black student about the achievements of other people of colour throughout history then they **“will aspire to equality and justice without regard to race.”**

Whose story will you be inspired by today?

What message does God have for you today about his plans for your future?

How would you like to change the world and make it a place of equality and justice?

Let Justice flow...

Amos 5 v 24 (NCV)

But let justice flow like a river, and let goodness flow like a never-ending stream.

One of the reasons why Black History Month is so important is because many of our history and text books include few examples of the contributions of people of colour through history.

Do you think this is fair?

Make your own origami boat and write or draw on it your prayers for justice and fairness in our world



Dividing lines

In 2013 a group of children visited the Meridian Line at Greenwich. It marks the prime meridian or 0° longitude. At the Greenwich Meridian Line, the children stood along the line with one foot on either side. Then together they shouted declarations for the nations. The watching crowd all cheered.



Our world is full of dividing lines. Lines that mark borders of countries, walls that separate properties, divide cities or whole nations. We know that Gods love knows no boundaries.

Why not find a place to pray in your own community that represents a dividing line. Could you stand on the line and bridge the gap praying for justice and unity between people in your own community?

What declarations could you make?

Romans 8 v 38-39

Yes, I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor ruling spirits, nothing now, nothing in the future, no powers, nothing above us, nothing below us, nor anything else in the whole world will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Inspiring Stories



Explore one of these inspiring stories from history together then pray for their modern day counterparts.

Mary Seacole

A British-Jamaican nurse who used her own knowledge of traditional Jamaican medicine to help those fighting cholera and yellow fever. Mary wanted to help those soldiers with no medical facilities during the Crimea War. When the British War Office refused her help she made her own way to Crimea and set up the British Hotel to support sick and recovering soldiers.

Pray for our modern day nurses and doctors.

Pray for all those who support and care for the sick.

Rachel Elizabeth 'Betty' Campbell

Born in Cardiff, Wales in 1934 as a young child Betty was told that there were too many barriers for her to become a headteacher. She was a champion for Black History Month and achieved her goal of becoming a Headteacher. A statue of her has just been unveiled in Cardiff!

Pray for all our teachers and those who work in schools.

