

Catholic and Secular Anti-Racism Readings and Resources

** Many of these (but not all) can also be found in a compilation put together by Ignatian Solidarity Network**

Catholic Resources

On Catholicism and Racism:

- [Pope Francis' General Audience Statement on Racism](#) (6.3.20)
- [Archbishop Wilton Gregory Statement on Planned Presidential Visit](#) | Archdiocese of Washington
- [Statement of U.S. Bishop Chairmen in Wake of Death of George Floyd and National Protests](#) | U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
- [Catholic Social Teaching & Racism](#) | Fred Kammer, S.J., Jesuit Social Research Institute
- [Combatting Racism](#) |U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Articles and Reflections:

- [Pope Francis calls US Bishops to offer prayers amid George Floyd protests](#)
_Michael O'Loughlin, *America* (6.5.20)
- [List: Catholic responses to the killing of George Floyd](#)
_Editors, *America* (6.2.20)
- [We all must say 'Black Lives Matter'](#)
_Jamie Manson, *NCR* (6.2.20)
- [The assumptions of what privilege and what we can do about it](#)
_Fr. Bryan Massingale, *NCR* (6.1.20)
- [To fight racism, Catholics must hunger for justice like we do the Eucharist](#)
_Editors, *America* (6.1.20)
- ['The ink has run dry on writing statements.' Black Catholics call for action in wake of George Floyd's killing](#)
_Michael O'Loughlin, *America* (6.1.20)
- [His Name was George Floyd](#)
_Ian Peoples, S.J., *The Jesuit Post* (6.1.20)
- [The Holy Spirit is moving us to act against racism](#)
_James Martin, S.J., *America* (6.1.20)
- [How can Catholics help lead the fight against racism?](#)
_Olga Segura, *America* (5.29.20)
- [Editorial: What have you done? No accounting for deaths of Floyd, Taylor, and Arbery](#)
_Editors, *NCR* (5.29.20)
- [Fellow White People, About Your Inherent Racism](#)
_Samantha Cocco, Ignatian Solidarity Network (5.29.20)

- [After George Floyd's Suffocation: A Litany for Oxygen From a Black Jesuit](#)
_Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J., *The Jesuit Post* (5.29.20)
- [Killing of George Floyd exposes blind spot on racism, Catholic advocates say](#)
_Christopher White, *Crux* (5.28.20)
- [St. Peter Claver pastor: 'White supremacy has cost someone their life'](#)
_Maria Wiering, *The Catholic Spirit* (5.27.20)
- [What a forgotten black nun can teach us about racism and COVID-19](#)
_Shannon Dee Williams, Ph.D., *America* (4.23.20)
- [Lift Every Voice: A Lenten Journey Toward Racial Justice](#)
_Edited by Ignatian Solidarity Network; Over 25 Authors from the Ignatian Network
- [Religious orders owning slaves isn't new—black Catholics have emphasized this history for years](#)
_Shannon Dee Williams, Ph.D. *America* (8.16.19)
- [If Bishops Want to Face Racism, Own Your Own Complicity](#)
_Fr. Bryan Massingale, *Crux* (08.24.17)
- [For our white friends desiring to be allies](#)
_Courtney Ariel, *Sojourners* (08.16.17)
- [Unpacking the "Soul-Sickness" of Racism](#)
_Fr. Bryan Massingale, *Our Sunday Visitor* (07.13.16)
- [Black Lives Matter and the Catholic Church Podcast](#)
_Bishop Edward K. Braxton, *America* (5.5.16)
- [Time to talk: African-American Panelists Share Their Stories of Dealing with Racism and Prejudice](#)
_(Note: Panel took place at DeSmet Jesuit) *St. Louis Review* (4.7.16)
- [African American Catholics and the Quest for Racial Justice](#)
_Fr. Brian Massingale, *U.S. Catholic* (1.18.15)
- [As church demographics shift, Catholics urged to address 'sin of racism'](#)
National Catholic Reporter (11.10.15)
- [St. Louis University Medical School Faculty Reflection on Ferguson](#)
_St. Louis University (8.12.14)
- [Seeking Justice, Speaking Up](#)
_*Young Adult Catholics Blog* (7.17.14)
- [Revisiting Racism](#)
_M. Shawn Copeland, Ph.D. (Boston College), *America* (7.7.14)
- ["Just Parenting" Reflection on Trayvon Martin](#)
_Ignatian Solidarity Network (7.21.13)
- [Confronting Inner Prejudices](#)
_Lucas Sharma, S.J., *The Jesuit Post* (4.20.15)

Statements and Pastoral Letters:

- ["Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love"](#) | U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter, 2018

- [Statement of Catholic Theologians on Racial Justice and Police Reform](#) | 2014
- [“Brothers and Sisters To Us”](#) | U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter, 1979
- [Pastoral Letter on Racism](#) | Archdiocese of Chicago, 2001
- [Statement on the killing of Michael Brown by police in Ferguson, MO](#) | Pax Christi USA
- [President’s Statement](#) | St. Louis University Response to Ferguson
- [Archbishop William E. Lori’s Statement of Protests](#) | Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore
- [What We Have Seen And Heard: A Pastoral Letter On Evangelization From The Black Bishops Of The United States](#) | 1984
- [Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself: U.S. Catholic Bishops Speak Against Racism](#) | 2014
- [The Racial Divide in the United States: A Reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015 \(Includes Study Guide\)](#) | Pastoral letter by Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.

Blog:

- [Raids Across the Color Line](#)
Blog by Chis Pramuk (Xavier University, author of Hope Sings, So Beautiful) and a diverse and talented group of writers, all deeply invested in the conversation about race. The website also contains links to works of music, art, and literature related to race.
- [Lift Every Voice: A Lenten Journey Toward Racial Justice](#) (2016)
A Lent 2016 series of reflections on racial justice featuring over 25 authors from the Ignatian network.

Study Guides:

- [Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Death Penalty study guide on Just Mercy](#)
Just Mercy has been made [free to watch online](#) throughout June. CMN developed an accompanying study guide.

Prayers and Prayer Services:

- [Prayer Dismantling Racism](#) | Pax Christi USA
- [Prayer Service](#) | St. Louis University Response to Ferguson
- [Stations of the Cross: Lament for Racial Injustice](#) | Anti-racism Implementation Team, Archdiocese of Chicago
- [Black Catholic History Rosary](#) | U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Dr. Kirk P. Gaddy
- [God of the Journey: 50th Anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March Prayer](#) | U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Fr. Manuel Williams, C.R.
- [Prayers of the Faithful Against Racism](#) | U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
- [A Prayer Service for Racial Healing in Our Land](#) | U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
- [Prayer for the Elimination of Racism](#) | Sisters of Mercy
- [Prayer for Racial Healing](#) | Catholic Charities USA

Books

Catholic

- [Racial Justice and the Catholic Church](#) | Fr. Brian Massingale (Fordham University)
- [Enfleshing Freedom: Body, Race, and Being \(Intersections in African American Theology\)](#) | M. Shawn Copeland, Ph.D. (Boston College)
- [Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America](#) | Marcia Chatelain, Ph.D. (Georgetown University)
- [Hope Sings, So Beautiful: Graced Encounters Across the Color Line](#) | Christopher Pramuk (Xavier University)
- [Books on Racism Resource](#) | Sisters of Mercy
- [The Scandal of White Complicity in U.S. Hyperincarceration](#) | Alex Mikulich (Jesuit Social Research Institute), Margaret Pfeil (University of Notre Dame) and Laurie Cassidy (Marywood University)

Secular

25 Books to Read:

For those seeking to go beyond the awareness of racism and educate themselves to collectively contribute to an equal and just society. (list from the Claremont County Library System)

- How to Be an Antiracist by Dr. Ibram X Kendi
- Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race by Reni Eddo-Lodge
- Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Slavery By Another Name by Douglas A. Blackmon
- The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
- The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander
- The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin
- The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson
- So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo
- Sister Outsider by Audre Lorde
- The Source of Self-Regard by Toni Morrison
- Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine
- The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. Du Bois
- The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
- Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
- The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

- Policing the Black Man by Angela J. Davis, Bryan Stevenson, Marc Mauer, Bruce Western and Jeremy Travis
- White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo
- How We Fight For Our Lives by Saeed Jones
- Women, Race, & Class by Angela Davis
- Heavy by Kiese Laymon
- Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcolm X and Alex Haley
- Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Other Resources

- [Diversity & Anti-Racism Tools for Engaging Communities](#) | Training For Change
- [Classroom Resources](#) | Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching for Tolerance
- [Not as Helpless as We Think: 3 Ways to Stand in Solidarity with Ferguson](#) | Sojourners
- [Race on Campus Archive](#) | The New York Times
- [Letter from a Birmingham Jail Study Guide](#) | U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops