

Saturday 13th June 2020

Good morning!

*"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are **all one in Christ Jesus.**" (Galatians 3:28)*

Let's continue today to pray into the area of **racial equality, healing and reconciliation**:

1) For all those, whether known to us or not, who have suffered (or continue to face) **racial discrimination** and other abuses.

- for encounters with the love of the Father
- for heaven's grace to forgive
- for healing of any open wounds
- for freedom from any bitterness or resentment
- for constructive dialogue with others & a sense of being heard

2) For **community influencers**, culture-shapers, lawmakers, policy advisers, and the media

- for wisdom beyond human wisdom
- for humility and insight
- for courage to swim against the cultural tide of virtue-signalling, self-centredness, hostility & provocation
- for divine gifts of peace-making
- for grace to do the right things not the easy things

3) For **ourselves and all followers of Jesus**

- to be **humble** (I have much to learn and for God to refine in my heart)
- to be **responsible** (I am responsible for my own actions, reactions & attitudes, even when I have been misunderstood and mistreated)
- to be **biblical** (as members of God's Kingdom, I am to see, believe and act according to a completely different set of values, and under a completely different authority, than those who are not; to see, speak and act as Jesus would; for everything to flow from love and compassion.)
- to **pray** for the mercy of God and a fresh move of his powerful Spirit over us, the church and this land
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