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### **MEMORANDUM**

To: All Bishops

From: Reverend Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary *ABB*

Date: June 4, 2020

Subject: Memorandum from Most Reverend Shelton Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism

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Your Eminence / Your Excellency:

Please find attached a memorandum from Most Reverend Shelton Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, by which the bishop conveys further resources for your thoughtful consideration and use.

Thank you for your attention to this memorandum.



# Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

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TO: Bishops of the USCCB  
FROM: Bishop Shelton J. Fabre, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism  
DATE: June 3, 2020  
RE: Prayer Resource from the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism

Dear brother bishops:

In seeking to further pastorally respond to the outrage at the death of Mr. George Floyd, I want to offer to you the prayer which was included at the end of *Open Wide Our Hearts*, our pastoral letter against racism. It can be used as a prayer card for distribution throughout the dioceses to further bring the Lord's healing into the pain that so many people are feeling right now.

I wish for you God's peace as we continue to respond to the challenges regarding racism that we face at this time in our country.

# Prayer to Overcome Racism

MARY, FRIEND AND MOTHER TO ALL,  
through your Son, God has found a way  
to unite himself to every human being,  
called to be one people,  
sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on  
your Son,  
seeking forgiveness for the times when  
we have failed to love and respect  
one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from  
your Son  
the grace we need to overcome the evil  
of racism  
and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son,  
so that prejudice and animosity  
will no longer infect our minds or hearts  
but will be replaced with a love  
that respects  
the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church,  
the Spirit of your Son Jesus  
warms our hearts:  
pray for us.

Amen.



# Oración para superar el racismo

MARÍA, AMIGA Y MADRE DE TODOS,  
a través de tu Hijo Dios ha encontrado  
un camino para unirse a todos los  
seres humanos,  
llamados a ser un solo pueblo,  
hermanas y hermanos entre sí.

Pedimos tu ayuda al recurrir a tu Hijo,  
buscando el perdón por las veces  
en que hemos fallado en amarnos  
y respetarnos.

Pedimos tu ayuda para obtener de  
tu Hijo  
la gracia que necesitamos para vencer  
el mal del racismo y construir una  
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Pedimos tu ayuda para seguir a tu Hijo,  
para que el prejuicio y la animosidad  
no infecten ya nuestras mentes  
o corazones  
sino que sean reemplazados por el  
amor que respeta la dignidad de  
cada persona.

Madre de la Iglesia,  
el Espíritu de tu Hijo Jesús  
alienta nuestros corazones:  
Ruega por nosotros.

Amén.





## PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

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*We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.*

*We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.*

*We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.*

*Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.*





## ORACIÓN PARA SUPERAR EL RACISMO

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*Pedimos tu ayuda al recurrir a tu Hijo, buscando el perdón por las veces en que hemos fallado en amarnos y respetarnos.*

*Pedimos tu ayuda para obtener de tu Hijo la gracia que necesitamos para vencer el mal del racismo y construir una sociedad justa.*

*Pedimos tu ayuda para seguir a tu Hijo, para que el prejuicio y la animosidad no infecten ya nuestras mentes o corazones sino que sean reemplazados por el amor que respeta la dignidad de cada persona.*

*Madre de la Iglesia, el Espíritu de tu Hijo Jesús alienta nuestros corazones: Ruega por nosotros. Amén.*





open wide our hearts

**P R A Y E R**

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abramos nuestros corazones

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