



Eastside Christian School

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In this time of division, may the Lord have mercy upon our nation and allow the Holy Spirit to sow peace and loving kindness. And may we respond with righteous indignation to the systemic racism that oppresses our African American brothers and sisters. Their cries of pain ring in our ears, their heartache brings us to tears, and their anger and frustration over hundreds of years of injustice tear at our hearts. For too long, racism has permeated the very fabric of our society.

The ECS leadership condemns the senseless murder of George Floyd and stands in solidarity with his family. We also stand shoulder to shoulder and kneel in support of communities of color at ECS and in the nation as a whole. God values human life in all of its splendor and diversity. We were lovingly made in His image (Genesis 1:26-27) and each of us matters to Him.

We pray that good will come from tragedy and that recent events will lead to sincere dialogue, open ears, and actual change. Many of us are struggling to make sense of the events unfolding in our cities and are finding it even more difficult to talk about them with our children. To assist you in addressing these complex issues, please consider the following resources:

[A Kids Book About Racism](#)

[A Child's Story about Racial Injustice](#)

[30 age-specific books about Racism](#)

As we allow the Holy Spirit to change our hearts, we pray that He will also come alongside our youth, leading this new generation of Americans to see beyond race and value every human being as someone loved and created by God.

As a community, may we pray against and work to eliminate the systemic racism that threatens our society. For in doing so, we will more truly reflect the heart of God.

In His Name,

The ECS Board

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