

MARCH 8, 2021

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

Justice for George Floyd and
Black Liberation



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Dear Friends,

As we approach jury selection for the murder trial of the ex-officer who killed George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN on May 25, 2020, we reflect on the resilience of the community at George Floyd Square and the courage of the Floyd family. The tragic death of George Floyd, a beloved community member, sparked global protests and expressions of grief that amplified the global conversation about racial injustice.

Over the past 8 months, visitors have traveled from around the world to pay their respects to George Floyd's memory at the intersection of 38th and Chicago, now known as George Floyd Square. Our grief in South Minneapolis has become a global grief and petition for justice within our community and for Black Liberation around the world.

We hope that you will join us in an interfaith Day of Global Prayer on March 8th, 2021, either in-person at George Floyd Square in Minneapolis, MN beginning at 8am or virtually through your own coordinated or individual expressions of love and solidarity. We believe that prayer changes things, and that our resilience and the outpouring of devotion to upkeep of the site where George Floyd took his last breath is powerful.

We are determined that his last breath will not be his final word. We've included information about the event and the George Floyd Global Memorial, in hopes that you will join us in prayer, meditation, and expressions of love in the name of Justice and Liberation on March 8th 2021.

Thank you for walking with us in the light!

Sincerely,

**George Floyd Global Memorial
And the Community at George Floyd Square**

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***The world knows him as George Floyd,
but his family knows him by his middle name. Perry.***

Perry moved to Minneapolis three years ago to build a new life and his Aunt, Angela Harrelson, the George Floyd Global Memorial Co-Chair, looked forward to having him in Minnesota. Angela made a promise to his mother, Sissy, that she would be there for him and that commitment continues to this day. Before her nephew's death, she felt people didn't want to talk about racism, but now, she's encouraged because there's an ongoing conversation occurring around the world. Angela is sharing his story throughout the United States, keeping the kind-hearted spirit of her gentle, beloved nephew alive, and doing her part to continue in the fight against racism and oppression.

When reflecting upon her nephew, Angela remarks, "When Perry decided to make his home here, his presence was special. He is missed dearly by his friends & family who will continue to be a voice for him. We must not let his death be his last word."

The events of May 25th, 2020 sparked a global awakening of the collective human consciousness around racial injustice in the United States and around the world. This call for a global reckoning was ignited when George Perry Floyd uttered his last words, a cry to heaven—and to his mother, as a Minneapolis Police officer pressed his knee to his neck for nearly nine minutes and ended his life.

What few around the world may know, is that in the months since his murder, community members have gathered daily and volunteered to maintain George Floyd's memorial at George Floyd Square, situated at 38th and Chicago in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The community has lovingly cared for each other, visitors, and every item left at the site where Mr. Floyd took his last breaths

From teddy bears, hand-written notes, drawings by children, candles, flowers, cardboard signs, to public art, the preservation of the physical site has allowed those from around the world to continue to visit the Memorial, present offerings of support or expressions of grief, share food and supplies, COVID-19 testing, elevate the community through youth programming and events, and begin to heal from the trauma of global racial injustice for the past 8 months. Their dedication has been an inspiration and a source of encouragement for those who knew and loved him.



Global Day of Prayer Schedule

Virtual Streams

8:00 AM CST	Call to Prayer
12:00 PM CST	Black Kings United: Change Starts With Us
5:45 PM CST	Candlelight Vigil

George Floyd Square Events

8:00 AM CST	Call to Prayer
8:15–11:30 AM CST	Community Mutual Aid Supplies Drive
12:00 PM CST	Black Kings United: Change Starts With Us
2:00–5:00 PM CST	Youth to Elder Open Mic
5:45 PM CST	Candlelight Vigil

How to Participate Virtually

Portions of the day's events will be live streamed for supporters around the world to offer prayers for Justice for George Floyd, and for Black Liberation, in their own ways and through their own faith traditions, as an act of love and solidarity. Information for how to participate virtually will be updated periodically at georgefloydglobalmemorial.org.



Suggestions for Organizations and Individuals

- Organize a service or virtual gathering, dedicate an hour of prayer or meditation.
- Facilitate a discussion or reflect with your community in honor of the Global Day of Prayer on March 8, 2021
- Ring bells, light candles, and pause for an 8 minute and 46 second moment of silence beginning at 8 AM local time wherever you are in the world the morning of March 8, 2021.
- Consider an act of service in honor of George Floyd throughout the month of March.
- Share your prayers, reflections, and gestures of solidarity on social media and tag **@gfgmemorial**, and use the hashtags **#justiceforgeorgefloyd** and **#georgefloydglobalmemorial**



About George Floyd Global Memorial

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was murdered at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department. The video footage that captured his death sparked global outrage, protests, calls for justice, and outpourings of grief.

At the intersection of 38th Street E and Chicago Avenue S in Minneapolis, MN, people come from all over the world to stand in solidarity for racial justice, express their pain and hope, and pay respect to the names of people who died unjust deaths. These offerings continue to be received and tended to by local community members (caretakers) with support from local organizations like the Pillsbury House and Theater and the Midwest Art Conservation Center.

The George Floyd Global Memorial is established to bring together members of George Floyd's family and the local community to preserve these creative expressions of pain and hope of the people for the people. Our work is to ensure that the stories of the community are told and used as educational resources for generations to come. The George Floyd Global Memorial is and will continue to be a living memorial that inspires all people to pursue justice.

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