

Black History Month Resources

QUOTES & SAYINGS

“Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another’s uniqueness.” — Ola Joseph

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.” — Nelson Mandela

“The misunderstandings of genetics and of genealogy are a fuel for reinforcing racism.... Our senses, or experience, and our culture steers us in our thinking about fellow humans.” — Adam Rutherford (from *How to Argue with a Racist*)

“...Ministers decide that in order to effect the necessary change in their churches (in order that these faith community reflect more accurately the lived experience of its Black members), they must act in an overtly ideological and systemic way.” — Professor Anthony G. Reddie (from *Nobodies to Somebodies*)

“Authentic liberation — the process of humanisation — is not another deposit to be made in men. Liberation is a *praxis*: the action and reflection of men and women upon their world in order to transform it.” — Paulo Freire (from *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*)

“Equality is essential to human life and well-being, and people were willing to make enormous sacrifices to achieve it in South Africa and in other nations... God’s dream wants us to be brothers and sisters, wats us to be family.” — Archbishop Desmond Tutu (from *God’s Dream*)

“When people universally realise that all ar united by the common bond of mortality and by the basic needs... the need to worship and to love, to be housed and fed, to work and play — perhaps we will have learned to understand — which is to love spiritually, and there will be peace and brotherhood on earth. Without brotherhood, peace in not possible.” Faith Bladwin (*The Presbyterian Outlook*)

“Let us no more be true to boasted race or clan, but to our highest dream, the brotherhood of man.” Thomas Curtis Clark (from *The New Loyalty*)

“We may be doing Jesus an injustice in stressing the fact that He so frequently said, “Go...!” In fact, his first word to his disciples was not “Go”, but “Come.” (Anonymous)

“I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.” (*Old Testament* — Isaiah 48.10)