

JUST *Love* MINISTRY PRESENTS



*Voices of Justice*  
FAITH & RESILIENCE IN FLORIDA'S BLACK HISTORY



# *Modern* JUSTICE MOVEMENTS

## **MODERN JUSTICE MOVEMENTS: THE LEGACY OF THE DREAM DEFENDERS (2012-PRESENT)**

Formed after the killing of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida, the Dream Defenders is a youth-led organization advocating for social justice and systemic change.

*“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”*

## **MICAH 6:8**

Formed in the wake of Trayvon Martin’s death in Sanford, Florida, the Dream Defenders is a youth-led organization dedicated to social change, racial justice, and systematic reform. Their work continues a tradition of activism that stretches back to the earliest movements for liberation in Florida. By voicing the concerns of marginalized communities, they embody the prophetic charge of Micah 6:8—seeking justice, practicing kindness, and fostering humble dialogue. Their efforts remind us that the call to justice is not bound by time or generation. As new challenges arise, God continues to inspire people to envision a more just world. We are all invited to join in that vision: standing against racism, promoting equitable policies, and nurturing a society rooted in love. The question for each of us is: How will we respond to God’s requirement to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly?

**Devotional Reflection:** Reflect on how faith can guide and sustain modern justice movements. How does the Gospel call us to action in the face of ongoing inequality?

**Call to Action:** Partner with or support organizations working toward racial and economic justice in Florida and beyond.

### **Musical Selections**

**“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”** (TFF #222) – A powerful hymn of faith and perseverance, perfect for reflecting on ongoing justice efforts.

**“What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine (Leaning On the Everlasting Arms)”** (TFF #220) – This hymn speaks of comfort and hope found in trusting and leaning on the everlasting arms of the Lord.

**“We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)”** (TFF #145) – Often sung in justice-focused gatherings, “We Are Marching” proclaims unity, forward movement, and faith-led action. Like the Dream Defenders who organize and advocate for systemic transformation, this hymn emphasizes walking together in God’s light toward a more just world.

**Weekly Prayer:** God of every generation, we thank you for the bold witness of the Dream Defenders and all who work tirelessly for justice today. Stir in us a holy discontent when we witness oppression, that we might be moved to action. Empower us to love mercy, practice compassion, and walk with humility as we co-labor with you in building a more equitable world. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. **Amen.**

**Offering Prayer:** Holy One, we bring our gifts with a humble heart, asking that you multiply their impact. Let our giving reflect our desire to stand alongside those who fight for justice. Use these offerings to bring hope, foster dialogue, and create lasting change in our communities and beyond. **Amen.**

**Blessing:** May God’s Spirit fill you with wisdom, compassion, and courage to seek justice for all people. May Christ lead you in kindness and humility, and may the love of the Creator embolden you to strive for peace and equity in every corner of life. Go in the power of God’s abiding grace. **Amen.**

# Additional Resources

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### ARTICLES & ONLINE SOURCES

- Dream Defenders Official Website - [www.DreamDefenders.org](http://www.DreamDefenders.org)
- [\*\*Dream Defenders, A New Generation, Fights For Civil Rights In Florida\*\*](#)
- [\*\*10 Years On: What's Changed Since Trayvon Martin's Death?\*\*](#) A decade after the unarmed Florida teen was killed, three people touched by his life reflect on the cultural movements sparked by his death.

### VIDEO

- [\*\*Dream Defenders March 40 Miles from Daytona to Sanford\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Dream Defenders Take Over Florida for Trayvon Martin\*\*](#)

Musical selections from [\*\*\*This Far by Faith \(TFF\): An African American Resource for Worship\*\*\*](#) hymnbook