

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade

On August 23, we recognize the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition. While the slave trade was abolished (legally, though not practically) in 1808, the unjust legacy of slavery continues today in both [Canada](#) and the [U.S.](#) More than 200 years later, we still reckon with the impediments to progress that minority races face in the form of [systemic racism](#), which is firmly entrenched in our institutional practices, despite individual people subscribing less to overtly racist views. Because our faith holds us to the standard of the Golden Rule, we are called to acknowledge this legacy of sin and to work to counter the continued oppression of our African and Indigenous brothers and sisters. Please pray this [prayer for racial healing](#) and visit the UN's site, [Let's Fight Racism](#).