Welcome to the February Prayer Bulletin of the Racial Justice Prayer Network. This is a new initiative* in the Diocese of London which is taking shape.

Our diocesan 2030 Vision includes the priority of becoming more racially just. We strongly believe that, in order to achieve the changes we long for, this work must be undergirded by prayer as a sustained effort, which is what this Prayer Network seeks to enable.

We invite you to join in praying regularly for racial justice.

At our most recent Racial Justice Priority Group meeting, we agreed that the 22nd of every month would be marked out as a day in the Diocese for prayer for racial justice.

Here are some prayer pointers which you might find helpful to use over the next few weeks. This list is by no means exhaustive:

- Pray for the deliberations of the General Synod on the Racial Justice item on Tuesday; for the Archbishops’ Commission on Racial Justice, and for whole programme of the Synod as it meets from 8-10 February.
- Pray that churches may engage with Racial Justice Sunday - 13 February 2022 - with its theme, "Racial Justice: what’s it got to do with me?"
- Pray for the new Bishop of Willesden, the Rt Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy and his family as they settle into the Willesden Area.
- Pray that churches may embrace the changes which are needed, so that everyone of whatever ethnicity or background can feel truly welcome, have their gifts recognised and affirmed, and be enabled to flourish.
- Pray for the development of this Prayer Network, and that the 22nd of each month may be used widely for prayer around the Diocese.
- Pray for the ongoing work of the Racial Justice Priority Group in the Diocese (co-chaired by Bishop Joanne and Monica Bolley)

* An opportunity to sign up to the Prayer Network to automatically receive Prayer Bulletins and other information as the Prayer Network develops will be on the website by 1 March.