



Fairfield University

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A Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance for All Victims of Racism

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President Mark R. Nemecek Reflection

As men and women for and with others, we stand in solidarity united with those fighting for justice.

We commit ourselves to the active work of dismantling racism in all its forms.

We gather now to pray for all those who have suffered due to racial injustice in our society.

Our prayer begins with recognition that our world is wounded and unjust.

We have to begin with the courage to acknowledge out loud the reality that racism and racial injustice are present in our culture and even within our own communities.

We gather to pray for an end to racism and inequality, and to commit ourselves, as individuals and as a community, to the work of bringing about God's justice in our world.

Let us now take a moment to recall those who have lost their lives due to racial violence.