

100 Things to do for Racial Justice

ACTIONS

1. Attend an introductory session about [Open Table](#) at Community of Hope.
2. Join the [NAACP](#).
3. Attend an event at the [African American Museum](#) in Cleveland.
4. Participate in a local [underground railroad](#) experience.
5. Join a “**White Privilege**” discussion group in your church or neighborhood.
6. Attend a performance at [Karamu House](#) theater.
7. Attend a **worship service** at [Mt Zion UCC](#) or [South Euclid UCC](#).
8. Notice the **skin color of Jesus as portrayed** in pictures in your church.
9. Attend a local **Black or integrated high school football or basketball game**.
10. For parents/grandparents of young children: arrange **interracial playdates**.
11. Find where to go in **East Cleveland to buy fresh produce**.
12. Listen to **rap music** and read the lyrics.
13. Join a **demonstration for a racial justice issue**.
14. Attend a **gospel choir performance**.
15. Identify 3 things you can do within your own **White community to improve race relations**.
16. Patronize **minority-owned businesses/restaurants**.
17. Note **if your child’s or grandchild’s books** are written by or feature people of color.
18. Place a “**Black Lives Matter**” sign on your lawn or in your car.

19. Invite Black friends **for a meal or social activity**.
20. Take the [Intercultural Development Inventory](#).
21. Attend a performance of [Distinguished Gentlemen of the Spoken Word](#).
22. Volunteer at the [Metanoia Project](#) homeless shelter at St. Malachi or Denison UCC.
23. Join actions sponsored by [Showing Up for Racial Justice](#) in NE Ohio.
24. Take [Diversity Training via REI](#) (Racial Equity & Inclusion).
25. Volunteer with [CASA/GAL](#) (Court Appointed Special Advocate/ Guardian *ad litem*).
26. **Write a letter to your local newspaper** on a racial justice issue.
27. **Tutor** at a predominantly black school or Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.
28. **Attend the [Criminal Justice Assembly](#)** on Feb. 27 at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church.
29. Support [drug rehab diversion programs](#) for those released from prison. Senate Bill 3.
30. Volunteer at a **pre-release center**.
31. Observe in **family court or juvenile court** for 2 hours. What feelings come up for you?
32. Support **bail reform** and [The Bail Project](#).
33. **Visit a prison/jail** with a person who goes there regularly.
34. Attend one of the events at the [Social Justice Center](#) at Case Western Reserve University.
35. Imagine your response to **being called a racist** How would you respond?
36. Volunteer at [St. Paul's Community Church](#) (e.g. Loaves and Fishes, Thrift store, or Parish nursing office).
37. Drive through the historic **Hough neighborhood**.
38. Attend an event or tutor at [Chagrin Falls Park](#).
39. Attend a meeting of [Heights Coalition for Public Education](#).
40. Have a conversation with a close friend (White or Black) about what **'taking a knee'** means.

41. Put yourself in situations where your **whiteness makes you a minority**.
42. Audition to perform with a Gospel Choir for the Akron Symphony meets [Gospel Choir Evening](#).
43. Participate in [CSU Brown Bag lunches](#) from Levin College of Urban Development.
44. **Correspond with a prisoner of color.**
45. **Talk to a middle/ high school teacher** in an inner city schools about their experiences.
46. Don't be silent about that **racist joke**. Silence is support.

ADVOCACY

47. Advocate for children under 18 accused of crimes by having them tried in Juvenile Court.
48. Advocate for an end to the death penalty.
49. Advocate for an end to life-in-prison for children under the age of 18 convicted of crimes.
50. Advocate for improvements in Cuyahoga County Jail.
51. Advocate for [Greater Cleveland Congregations](#) programs.
52. Advocate for [First Year Cleveland](#) (strategies to reduce infant mortality and racial disparities).

EDUCATION

53. Watch Documentary, [Thirteenth](#) by Ava DuVernay.
54. Watch TED talk, [Participatory Defense](#).
55. Watch [Race: The Power of an Illusion](#).
56. Watch [Africa's Great Civilizations](#).
57. Watch [How Microaggressions are like Mosquito Bites](#)
58. Listen to [The Word Is Resistance](#) podcast.
59. Listen to [Code Switch](#) podcast.

60. Listen to [Seeing White](#) podcast.
61. Listen to [Save the People](#) podcast.
62. Listen to [Sacred Conversations to End Racism](#) podcast.
63. Listen to [Changing America's Racial Narrative](#) with Bryan Stevenson.
64. Listen to [The Urgent Need for Reconciliation](#) with Bryan Stevenson
65. Read [1619 Project](#) (NYTimes).
66. Read [Letter from the Birmingham Jail](#) by Martin Luther King, Jr.
67. Read *Becoming an Antiracist Church* by Joseph Barndt.
68. Read *The Hate U Give* (or watch movie) by Angie Thomas.
69. Read *Becoming Ms. Burton: From Prison to Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women* by Susan Burton.
70. Read *When They Call You A Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir* by Patrisse Kahn-Cullors.
71. Read *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.
72. Read *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.
73. Read *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond.
74. Read *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds.
75. Read *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi.
76. Read *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi.
77. Read *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin.
78. Read *Reading the Bible from the Margins* by Miguel de la Torre.
79. Read *Beloved* by Toni Morrison.
80. Read *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone.

81. Read *Stand Your Ground* by Kelly Brown Douglas.
82. Read *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.
83. Read *The Case for Reparations* by Ta Nehisi Coates.
84. Read *Between the World and Me* by Ta Nehisi Coates.
85. Read *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander.
86. Read *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo.
87. Read *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo.
88. Read *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein.
89. Read *The Wall Between* by Anne Braden.
90. Read *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*.
91. Read *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* by Frederick Douglass.
92. Read *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe.
93. Read *Native Son* by Richard Wright.
94. Read *The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. Du Bois.
95. Visit the Southern Poverty Law Center's [website](#).
96. Understand the history of [redlining in Cleveland](#).
97. Understand the importance of hair in the culture of African-American women.
98. Learn about [Kwanzaa](#).
99. Be able to explain the differences between "*Black Lives Matter*" and "*All Lives Matter*" or "*Blues Lives Matter*".
100. Subscribe to [Sojourners](#) magazine (Christian Social Justice magazine).

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