

A Prayer for Black History Month

Compassionate God,
who sent Jesus Christ
to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities,
create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,
to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background,
race and ethnicity.

May we be generous in our love of others
as we work towards ending racism and injustice;
creating communities of human flourishing,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.





Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

It is February today!!!! Every February, people in Canada are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities. This month, we will continue to learn and celebrate the many contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today. This is an opportunity to remember and learn from the contributions of Black people that have helped shape our past and future in Canada and around the world. Although this video is from the United States, it highlights from a kids perspective why it is important to celebrate and learn more about Black history.





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Each day we will celebrate a remarkable Black Canadian during the month of February

Fact of the day:

Afonso Davies became Canada's youngest ever goalscorer and the youngest to score at a Gold Cup as well as the first player born in the 21st century to score at a major international tournament. Afonso was born in a Ghanaian refugee camp. His family emigrated to Canada to flee the civil war in Liberia. The Davies family were able to immigrate to Canada when Alphonso was five, eventually settling in Edmonton, Alberta. Afonso's Dad and mom worked long hours to make ends meet. Even Alphonso chipped in around the house, helping raise his two younger siblings while attending school, where his talents first caught the eyes of coaches. Davies has always shown that readiness to go the extra mile, a quality he learned from his parents.

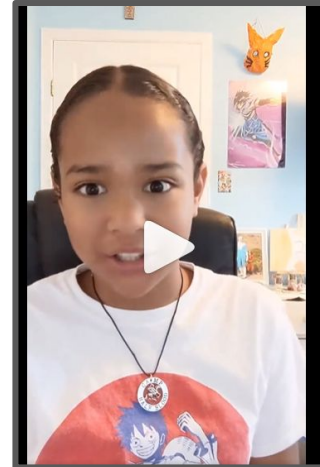




Thursday, February 2nd, 2023

Fact of the day:

Ainara Alleyne celebrates books with Black, an 11 year old from Stoney Creek Ontario, loves digging into a good book with strong, relatable characters. Anira started an Instagram account, "Ainara's Bookshelf" that highlights books whose main characters are Black and people of colour. "I wanted kids to actually be able to see themselves in books and believe that they can do amazing things too."



[Click here to hear one of Ainara's book reviews.](#)



Friday, February 3rd, 2023

Fact of the day:

Aubrey Drake Graham is one of our recent Canadian Icons in being a world renowned hip hop artist. Drake is his stage name and he is a Toronto born artist who began his career in acting on a show named Degrassi. Drake began his music career in 2006 and now has 4 Grammys. In 2020 he was the first artist to have three songs debut at No. 1 on the Hot 100.

