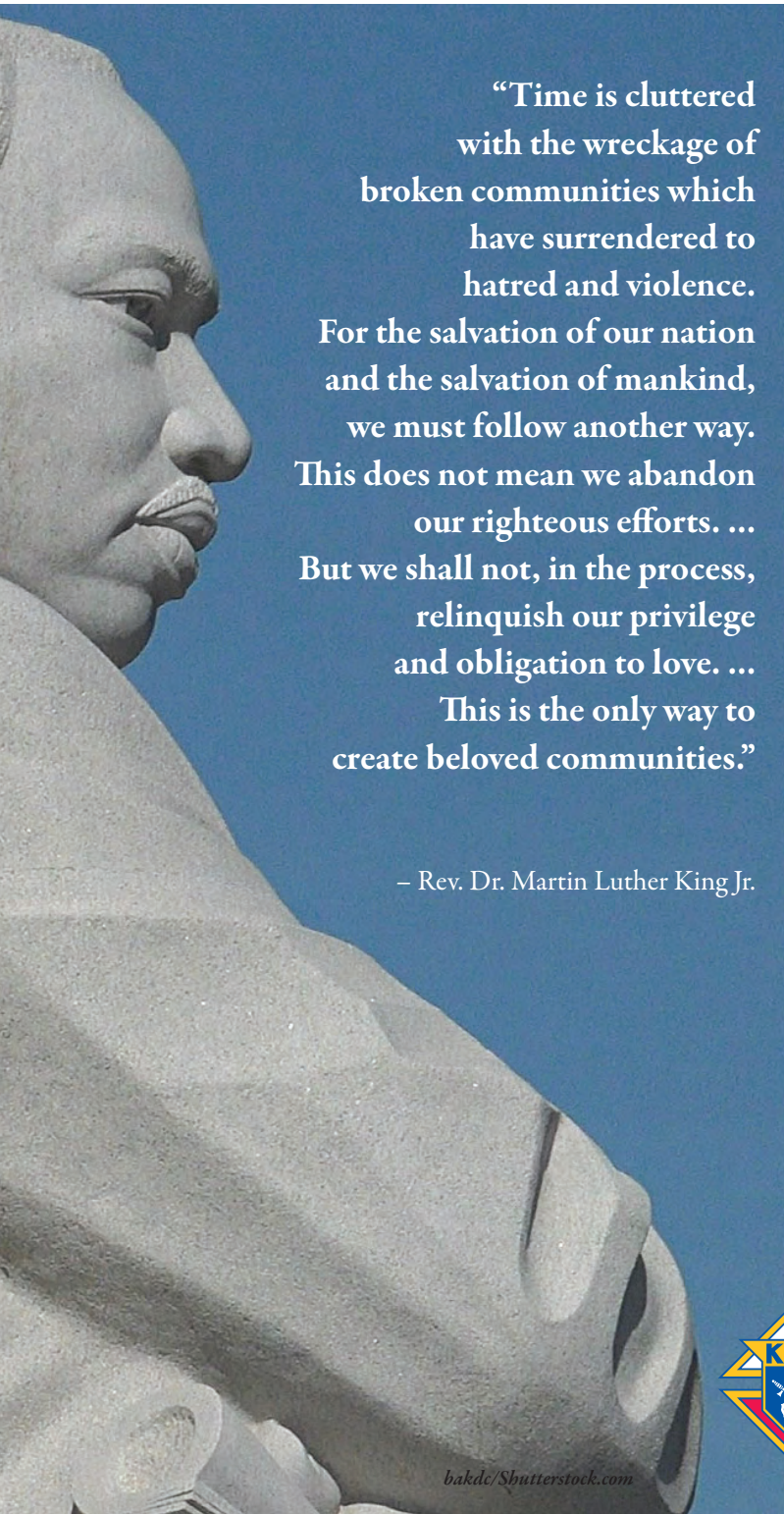




# NOVENA FOR NATIONAL UNITY & AN END TO RACISM

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 – MONDAY, JUNE 15



**“Time is cluttered  
with the wreckage of  
broken communities which  
have surrendered to  
hatred and violence.  
For the salvation of our nation  
and the salvation of mankind,  
we must follow another way.  
This does not mean we abandon  
our righteous efforts. ...  
But we shall not, in the process,  
relinquish our privilege  
and obligation to love. ...  
This is the only way to  
create beloved communities.”**

– Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Heavenly Father, you so loved the world that you sent us your only begotten Son as our Redeemer. The Holy Spirit rested upon your Beloved Son as he preached the Good News, cured the sick, and gave his life to break down each sinful barrier that separates us from you and from one another. With your Son, O Father, you sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church that she might extend your saving truth and love to every race and nation.

So it is that we praise you, O Glorious Trinity, One God in Three Persons, united in one Divine Nature yet distinct in each Person — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As you are united in one Divine Nature, we ask you to bring together in your love all whom hatred and racism have separated. Pour your love into our hearts, that we may speak the truth boldly and in a spirit of charity, and labor unceasingly for justice, peace and reconciliation in our divided nation and world. O Father, source of every blessing, O Son, Radiant Truth, O Spirit of Love, enable us to respect and love those who are different from ourselves and remove from our hearts, our homes, our Church, and our society every trace of racism.

Grant us, in your mercy, renewed and lasting resolve ‘to mend our ways, to encourage one another, to agree with one another, and to live in peace.’ (cf. 2 Cor 13:11) Grant us the wisdom to create a civilization of truth, justice and love, worthy of your Kingdom. Then we shall know that you are truly with us, O God of life, truth and love, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

