

## Saturday - February 20

*Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*

*Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)*

*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,*

*Acts 3:19 (NIV)*

Over the past couple of years, I have been physically sickened watching young black men being killed by police, hearing about a black woman being shot in her bed, and just recently watching a mob of violent men and women try to take over the Capitol. During that event, I cried as I watched a policeman being crushed in a doorway, and other law enforcement officers being beaten with poles. How could we survive as a nation when we allow such violence?

Then on January 20th, I heard our new president say that we must confront systemic racism and belief in white supremacy. He actually said that in public! (Associated Press Posted: Jan 20, 2021 / 03:26 PM PST / Updated: Jan 20, 2021 / 08:20 PM PST Biden is the first president to directly address the ills of white supremacy in an inaugural speech)

While the admission of guilt and remorse I must feel as a white American is considerable, I can also rest in the promise I have that God is forgiving and merciful. While the process of acknowledging what we have done is painful, the opportunity for joy as children of God in a blessed community is before us.

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**Prayer:** Lord of mercy, Guide us and show us how to be humble and recognize the worth in others. Help us to be the solution to injustice and not perpetrators of harm to others. For you are holy and we long to do your work in the world. Amen.