

Juneteenth Prayer and Observances for 2025

We pray, O Lord, for change.

Jesus, you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds. We encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. We remember the history of slavery that affected people and who suffered 246 years of abuse and injustice in our country. We remember the liberators in the Union army who fought in Galveston, Texas on Juneteenth, 1865, to secure the freedom of all slaves, through the land. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. Guide us that we may personally work, with the help of the Holy Spirit, for justice for all and for mutual respect and equality for all.

And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work into genuine encounter with you and our better selves so that our lives will be changed for the good of all.

In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

(Prayer adapted and edited from Racial Healing and Liturgical Resources)

There are many observances!

Landmark Orchestra - Kroc Center, 650 Dudley St, Boston

Saturday, June 14, 3 pm.

Free admission but registration is required.

<https://www.landmarkorchestra.org/events/current-season/juneteenth/>

Flag raising: Boston City Hall Plaza

<https://www.boston.gov/calendar/juneteenth-flag-raising>

June 17, 12:30 – 1:30 pm

From Boston: Embrace Ideas Festival

<https://www.embraceideasfestival.org/>

June 18 – 20

for the schedule: <https://www.embraceideasfestival.org/schedule>

"Inspiring the Resistance: Building a Culture of Repair for the Origins of Our Discontent"

Echoes of Freedom

<https://www.boston.gov/calendar/echoes-freedom>

Featuring the Harvard University Gospel Choir, free and open to all.

The Strand Theater, 543 Columbia Road, Boston

June 18, 2025, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

15th Annual Juneteenth Emancipation Observance - Thursday, June 19

Juneteenth: Forever Strong

Scroll to bottom of webpage to register as a spectator:

<https://www.aclum.org/en/events/15th-annual-juneteenth-emancipation-observance>

THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2025

- **12:30 PM ~ FLAG-RAISING** at DILLAWAY-THOMAS HOUSE in **Roxbury Heritage State Park 183 Roxbury Street Roxbury 02119**
- **1:45 PM ~ PARADE** steps off from **Roxbury Heritage State Park 183 Roxbury Street Roxbury 02119** PARADE ROUTE TRAVELS along Dudley Street & Warren Street & Walnut Avenue **to the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists 300 Walnut Avenue Roxbury 02119**
- **2:15 PM ~ OPENING** of the **Grounds of the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists 300 Walnut Avenue Roxbury 02119** WITH ACTIVITIES, VENDORS (FOOD & ARTISANS), & RESOURCE TABLES
- **4:00 PM ~ BOSTON JUNETEENTH EMANCIPATION OBSERVANCE PROGRAM BEGINS** on the **Grounds of the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists 300 Walnut Avenue Roxbury 02119**

Museum of Fine Arts

June 19 10 am – 5 pm, free admission.

Activities and programs to celebrate and honor contributions of Black artists, scholars, and creative voices.

<https://www.thebostoncalendar.com/events/free-admission-to-the-mfa->

Black Heritage Trail- A self-guided tour, on-going

1.6 miles, 10 sites, 90 min.

National Park Service 46 Joy St.

<https://www.nps.gov/boaf/virtual-black-heritage-trail-tour.htm>