

Blacks must fight racism, drugs

Once again the month of February has come, and once again we Afro-American citizens pause to look back over the long, hard road that has brought us to this day. We also pause to look and pray for a better tomorrow for our children. We strive, work and pray that future generations' lives will be better than ours have been.

We must try to instill in our children that education is the way to a better life.

We have come a long way, but there is still a long way to go. We have conquered much but there is still much to conquer.

Someone once remarked that racism will always be here. However, opportunities are here and we must be prepared.

There is still no justice for black persons in our legal system.

Drugs, racism, inequality, and the justice system are the foes of black persons. Many of our young folks resort to dealing in drugs because of poverty, and



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others because they have become addicted to drugs. The jails are becoming overcrowded with blacks who are either drug dealers or drug users.

We as parents must teach our children the horrors of drugs. Drugs can lead to the disease of AIDS and drugs can ruin peoples' lives.

We must become role models for our children — teach them to pray, pray with them and attend the church of our choice with them. A family that prays together stays together.

We must join together and fight the justice system, (black persons on the juries, black judges on the bench) so that one day there will be equal justice for all.

How hollow the words of the "Pledge of Allegiance" seem when we say "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." There is no justice for the black man in this country or the world.

We as a race must hold together and help one another. The brother or sister that you help today may be the one who will help you tomorrow. Together we stand, divided we fall.

May the prayers and actions of all God's children make this world a place where everyone can live in perfect harmony.

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