RACIAL JUSTICE & MASS INCARCERATION

READING
• Arrested Justice: Black Women, Violence, and America’s Prison Nation, Beth E. Richie
• The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness, Michelle Alexander
• Prisoners of Politics: Breaking the Cycle of Mass Incarceration, Rachel Elise Barkow

PODCASTS
• “Ear Hustle,” a podcast recorded from inside San Quentin State Prison.

FILM & VIDEO
• “13th” from Netflix

YOUNG ADULT & FAMILY
• Look Both Ways, Jason Reynolds, illustrated by Alexander Nabaum

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
• Becoming Ms. Burton, Susan Burton and Cari Lynn
• The Imprisonment of Women, R. Emerson Dobash, Russel P. Dobash, and Sue Gutteridge
• Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, Bryan Stevenson
• Governing Through Crime: How the War on Crime Transformed American Democracy and Created a Culture of Fear, Jonathan Simon
• Punishing the Poor: The Neoliberal Government of Social Insecurity, Loïc Wacquant
• American Prison, Shane Bauer

THEOLOGICAL RESPONSES TO RACIAL JUSTICE

READING
• All the Tears We Cannot Stop, Michael Eric Dyson
• The Cross and the Lynching Tree, James Cone
• God of the Oppressed, James Cone
• Womanist Ethics and the Cultural Production of Evil, Emilie Townes
• The Christian Imagination; Theology and the Origins of Race, Willie James Jennings
• This Bridge Called My Back; Writings by Radical Women of Color, eds. Cherrie Moraga and Gloria Anzaldúa
• Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God, Kelly Brown Douglas
• Race: A Theological Account, J. Kameron Carter

FILM & VIDEO
• “Courageous and Just: Kelly Brown Douglas With Austin Channing Brown”
• “Theology and Race With J. Kameron Carter”
• “Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin” (streaming on Kanopy)

YOUNG ADULT & FAMILY
• Go Tell It on the Mountain, James Baldwin

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