

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

Week One: Black History Month Call to Worship

Ase (or àṣẹ or ashe; pronounced ah-shay) is a West African philosophical concept through which the Yoruba of Nigeria conceive the power to make things happen and produce change.

Worship Leader: In a beginning before humans were formed
and nature knew God's great presence, the Spirit moved over the universe

People of God: Ashe!

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers. Psalm 24:1-2**

Worship Leader: In quiet peace God created humans, women and men,
colorful, balanced and creatively diverse, and the beauty of God's love filled the earth

People of God: Ashe!

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
with all your mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22: 37-39**

Worship Leader: In honor of Black History Month we remember names
because of the ancestors who made a way out of no way
with God before them, beside them, and lovingly guiding succeeding generations:

- Nana Yaa Asantewa of Ashanti; Taharqa, ruler of Napatan Kush; Queen Nzingha, West African military ruler; Mansa Musa I, Emperor of the West African Islamic Empire

People of God: Ashe!

- Richard Allen, Absalom Jones, Gabriele Prosser, Nate Turner, and Denmark Vesey
- Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, and Jerena Lee
- W.E.B. DuBois, Thurgood Marshall, and Martin Luther King, Jr
- Ida B. Wells, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Ella Baker

These and more represent the great cloud of witnesses.

Their spirits linger with us creating new generations of warriors, preachers, prophets,
teachers, activists, organizers, mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters
of the African Diaspora.

People of God: Ashe!

**After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, robbed with palm branches in their hands. Rev. 7:9**

Worship Leader: Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

People of God: Ashe and Amen



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

Week One: February 1-7, 2026, Call to Worship

Week Two: February 8-14, 2026

Explore the Black History Month website and enjoy an incredible journey of learning and incorporating the history of people of African descent. [Black History Month Presentation](#)

Week Three: February 15-21, 2026

Listen to Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. narrate [The Black Church | Gospel Music and the Civil Rights Movement](#)

Week Four: February 22-28, 2026

Engage in a virtual exploration of the [Equal Justice Initiative: About - The Legacy Sites](#)

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