

Justice Sunday 2026: 250 FORWARD

Sunday, January 18, 2026

National Commemoration Location – Antelope Valley, California

*Hosted in many settings to include faith institutions,
educational, civic, and community spaces*

Commemorative Dates & Locations

National Day of Observance	Sunday, January 18, 2026
National Commemoration Location	<i>Antelope Valley, California</i>
MLK National Day of Service	Monday, January 19, 2026
National Continuum	Tuesday, January 20 – July 5, 2026
Second Chance Month Observance	April 7-10, 2026, <i>Jacksonville, Florida</i>
250th Anniversary	July 4, 2026



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A Semiquincentennial Reflection on Faith, Freedom, and the American Promise

As the United States marks the 250th anniversary of its founding, Justice Sunday 2026 stands as a powerful national observance that bridges the past, illuminates the present, and calls the nation toward a more just and compassionate future. For twenty-one years, the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ) has led this annual gathering of worship, reflection, and service. In this historic semiquincentennial year, Justice Sunday takes on renewed significance as a moment for the nation to consider how faith, justice, and civic responsibility have shaped the American story — and how they must continue to shape the next 250 years.

Examining the Ideals Declared in 1776

The semiquincentennial invites Americans to envision the founding and hope for the ideals proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence: liberty, human dignity, and the right to pursue a meaningful life. Justice Sunday provides a sacred space to examine how these ideals have been interpreted, challenged, and expanded across generations. It acknowledges the triumphs and the trials — the moments when the nation lived up to its promise and the moments when communities of faith had to stand in the gap to push the nation closer to its stated principles.

From the earliest abolitionist movements to the Civil Rights era, faith communities have been among the most consistent defenders of human dignity. Justice Sunday honors this legacy by reminding the nation that the pursuit of justice has always been a moral calling as much as a civic one.



Facilitating Assistance in Transformation and History (FAITH)

As the nation reflects on 250 years of independence, Justice Sunday lifts up the profound contributions of African American faith communities — communities that have shaped the moral conscience of the nation. Black churches have long been centers of resilience, education, advocacy, and hope. They have nurtured leaders, sustained families, and provided spiritual grounding during some of the most challenging chapters in American history.

Justice Sunday 2026 honors this heritage by highlighting the ways in which faith has fueled movements for freedom, equality, and opportunity. It acknowledges the sacrifices of those who marched, prayed, organized, and mentored in pursuit of a more just society. Their legacy continues to guide the work of NAFJ and its partners today.

A National Call to Reflection and Action

The 250th anniversary is not only a celebration of the past — it is an invitation to consider the nation we are becoming. Justice Sunday encourages participants to reflect on the moral and civic responsibilities that come with citizenship. It challenges communities to confront systemic inequities, to uplift youth, and to build bridges across lines of difference.

Through worship, dialogue, and service, Justice Sunday fosters a spirit of unity rooted in shared purpose. It reminds the nation that justice is not a destination but a continuous journey — one that requires courage, humility, and collective commitment.



A Charge to Keep for the Next 250 Years

The theme of Justice Sunday draws inspiration from the timeless hymn by Charles Wesley: “A charge to keep I have.” These words echo across generations, reminding us that every individual has a role to play in shaping the moral direction of the nation. As America enters its next 250 years, Justice Sunday calls each of us to embrace that charge — to serve this present age with integrity, compassion, and conviction.

Justice Sunday 2026 invites all people, regardless of background or belief, to join in honoring the past, strengthening the present, and preparing the way for a more just and hopeful future. In this milestone year, Justice Sunday stands as a testament to the enduring power of faith, the necessity of justice, and the transformative impact of service.

