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As we close out this week, which commemorates the 5th Anniversary of the Charleston massacre, we recognize how far we still have to go in the fight for self-determination or social transformation in America. On the heels of the murders of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN and Breonna Taylor in Louisville, KY by state entities our global communities marched, petitioned and clamored for justice, we were again weighted by the death of Black Lives Matter activist Oluwatoyin "Toyin" Salau age 19 of Jacksonville, FL.

This year, Mr. Floyd's daughter faces her first Father's Day without him, and the fathers of Breonna and Toyin meet this Father's Day without their children. While their joys with their families were brief, they had an opportunity that Mr. Ahmaud Arbery of Glynn County, GA will never get as his life and potential for fatherhood was stolen from him by the same fear and evil that robbed George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and many others of their lives. In response to this tragic and painful reality, we must remain steadfast and relentless in pursuit of the charge given by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Black History month, "Let Us Banish Fear."

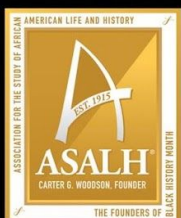
ASALH lauds 17-year old Darnella Frazier for her courage and the example she has set in overcoming fear. We stand with 17-year-old Darnella Fraizer who boldly filmed and showed the world the abuse of state power that resulted in the untimely death of George Floyd and with the family of Oluwatoyin "Toyin" Salau who found the courage to tweet out messages alerting the world of her danger. We ask that as our communities continue to publicly demand justice for George Floyd and Breonna Taylor that you join with us this Father's Day in a Call to Action.

In honor of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Toyin Salau and Darnella Fraizer, we ask that this Father's Day you:

1. Celebrate Juneteeth as a national holiday with your immediate family and share your family history.
2. Complete the Census.
3. Study local current issues regarding unfair treatment by the courts and law enforcement.
4. Register to vote! Vote! Be certain to vote in your local, state, and national elections.
5. Make inquiries via email to local elected officials, Congressional representatives, City Council Representatives, Mayors, State Representatives and Senators, Regional and state prosecutors, and U.S. Senators.
6. Donate to, join, and support ASALH.
7. Support Black owned bookstores that advance our history. #blackpublishingpower

We are alarmingly concerned about the loss of the lives of Black men and women of all ages and its impact as we approach Father's Day, as well as the situations facing those who are unable to spend this day with their families. In support of your local community we ask that you partake in celebrating Father's Day by visiting (via social distancing) or calling fathers, including those who may be incarcerated; taking time to remember deceased fathers, and becoming a mentor to a young person in need of elder wisdom, support and guidance.

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*"I am ready to act, if I can find brave men [and women] to help."*

— Carter G. Woodson

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