



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY



This supplemental material for the book *Everything Could Be a Prayer* offers suggested reading selections for Black History Month (February).

Black History Month was inaugurated in 1976 in the United States to honor the accomplishments of African Americans. Canada officially recognized Black History Month in 1995. The list below contains Black women and men who have made significant contributions to the worldwide church and society. The person in the first entry, Simon of Cyrene, literally carried Jesus's cross. The subject of the final entry, John M. Perkins, metaphorically did the same.

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