

**Statement from Kailash Satyarthi, 2014 Nobel Peace Laureate and Founder of the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation US, the Board of Directors and Staff:**

Black Lives Matter.

We call for the systems which perpetuate and deepen racism and inequality in the United States, and around the world, to be dismantled.

While chattel slavery no longer exists in the United States, the impacts remain intact and anti-Black racism remains embedded in the structures of society. This systemic racism that is being protested today is a direct result of the culture of slavery that has never been resolved.

Our voices must remain strong in this fight and beyond, as for many, slavery still exists in different forms. Of an estimated 40 million slaves in today's world, many are children. Ending slavery is not enough: we must also work to prevent the creation of systems which we know can force its victims to remain discriminated violently against for generations.

No society can truly be at peace if it fosters inequality and division.

We stand with all those raising their voices for an end to systemic racism and reaffirm our commitment to fight for freedom and equality. Together, we must create a free, safe and just future for all our children.