

### Sacred Texts Related to the Census

- “The Lord spoke to Moses in the tent of meeting in the Desert of Sinai... He said: ‘Take a census of the whole Israelite community by their clans and families, listing every man by name, one by one.’” (Numbers 1:1-2).
- “Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” (Proverbs 31:9).
- “Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression.” (Isaiah 1:17).
- “In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world... So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.” (Luke 2:1-5).

### Talking Points Related to the Census in this Moment (Justice & COVID 19)

- Black people are among the most undercounted populations in the census. When we are undercounted, our communities get underfunded and underserved. We hold the power to reverse this trend and ensure that our communities get the resources we deserve by participating in the 2020 census. Get counted at [my2020Census.gov](https://my2020Census.gov).
- Police brutality and racism do not belong in our communities. Funding for critical resources for health, jobs, and education do. More people counted means funding our communities deserve. Make sure your community gets the right resources for the next 10 years: fill out your census NOW.
- The census is how our communities can recover and thrive in a post-COVID world. Fill out your census NOW.
- Enough is enough. We are taking control of a better future. Filling out your census form TODAY is a way to bring resources to your community.
- Ignoring the census? Putting it aside silences your voice. Be heard. Fill out your census now.
- Uncertain what you can do to help our community recover and bring a brighter future? One simple and important way is filling out your 2020 census. It's simple, easy and brings more resources to your community.
- Each of us can play a role in bringing about a brighter, better future. We can all do this together in one way by filling out our census forms.
- Now is the time for unity, solidarity, and action. Let's come together and take action by filling out the 2020 census.
- There's power in 10 minutes. Your power. Your voice. Fill out your census now. Lift your voice now, not tomorrow or next week. Do it now because your future is too important to put off.