

## **A Prayer for Unity in Our City on a Hill**

*Heavenly Father, God of Mercy, and God of Love,  
I give You thanks and trust in Your Providence.  
Guide my actions and speech to bring healing.  
Guide my ears towards the cries of oppressed and disenfranchised.  
Guide my ways to reflect the diversity of Your creation,  
so that my example of acceptance and understanding  
may become a sign of the times.*

*Give me the grace of courage to  
speak for, stand with, and walk with  
those whose skin color, culture, and race are different.  
As I face racism,  
empower me to be: an advocate for those suffering;  
a voice of truth and leadership;  
one who promotes human dignity for all; and  
a boundless sign of hope in offering charity and seeking justice.*

*Lord, as a Vincentian,  
I answered Your call to do Your will.  
Set my heart on fire with Your love  
to serve those suffering racial injustices.  
Thank You for granting me the grace of love to journey  
as a passionate, faithful friend with neighbors who  
“hunger and thirst after justice....” (Matthew 5:6).  
With Your grace, may my heart and all Vincentians hearts be transformed,  
beating in unison with all our brothers and sisters,  
with the fullness of the compassion of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*