Prayer for the Inauguration of Dr. Carmen J. Walters as President of Tougaloo College Day of Prayer: April 27, 2021

Gracious and loving God:

We join in prayerful support of your servant, Dr. Carmen J. Walters, as she is inaugurated as the 14th President of Tougaloo College. We pray that she might lead with wisdom and grace, that she might forge a culture of excellence and care. Because of her leadership, may the students at Tougaloo College understand their possibilities to be limitless, even as your love, O God, is limitless and beyond our understanding. We ask, O Lord, that under Dr. Walters' guidance, Tougaloo will be a premier institution for the formation of young adults who will see their vocations as a means to serve, to help shape a society in which all have enough, in which all are respected, and all have access to the means by which they might flourish. May Tougaloo students be inspired to find their places in the world, equipped with not only education, but compassion and care, dedicated to justice and peace in their communities, to dismantling systems of oppression in the US and throughout the world. Lord, we ask that you might stand with each Tougaloo student, faculty and staff member, unifying them as a community committed to justice, in their studies, in their collaboration to fulfill the mission of Tougaloo College. May the lives they lead give the world a glimpse of your glory, as the impact of these students changes and impacts our society, one phenomenal life at a time. Finally, O God, we pray that you would encourage and strengthen Dr. Walters every step of the way. Be that still, small voice of vision, inspiration when she needs it most. Let her example always reflect her love of humanity, and may students from this day forward find in her a champion and mentor. We pray now for that you would change the world through them, and show them it is indeed possible, one life at a time.

Blessings and honor be to God forever, Amen.