

Prayer for Dr. Carmen Walters, Tougaloo College

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit of the Living God and the risen Christ, we call upon you now to rest and abide with your humble servant, Dr. Carmen Walters.

She is a child of your making, and a leader of your calling who comes to us today aware that her pathways have led her here to Tougaloo to carry forward a rich and proud history into a bright and hopeful future. Let your blessings upon her be abundant, your guidance in her and through her be enlightening, and your steady hand always upon her shoulder as she leads with courage and conviction.

May every student who enters this campus under her leadership be likewise blessed, ready to go forth from this holy place into a world where their education and experience here empowers and enables them to be agents of transformation for making of the common good and the building of the beloved community.

May those who teach here impart not merely knowledge, but wisdom. May they instill within the students entrusted to them for their care doses of compassion, confidence, and courage. They are a part of a rich tradition of educators who through many generations now have graduated leaders who have made the world a better place, and for them and the difference they make we give thanks.

May those who toil upon this campus for the good of the students and faculty be likewise blessed by you and the leadership of our new president. Bless those who cook and clean and make beautiful the grounds here; who repair and build and administer; who answer the phones and file the records and account for the finances; who fundraise and counsel and respond to legal matters. This is a community of workers who care for the students and the campus without whom the mission of this institution would grind to a halt.

May Dr. Walters come to know the joy of living and working in a community dedicated to enlightenment and empowerment. May she feel the pride of extending the rich history and tradition of this College through her wisdom and guidance. May she see that those who graduate from Tougaloo never really leave here, they merely extend its boundaries and broaden the ripples of influence this campus has already made in the world.

For all these things and more besides we call out to you, Holy Spirit, knowing that you abide – and in the abiding you instill confidence and wisdom, offer care and comfort, and call forth light and love. May it be so for our beloved leader, Dr. Carmen Walters today and throughout her tenure as the newly installed President of Tougaloo College.

Amen.

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