Please bow your heads and join us in prayer.

Heavenly Father,

We lift You up today as we pray for **our schools and for those who sheppard our youth.** Proverbs 22:6 tells us to teach and start a child in the right way, so that even when he is old, he will not depart from it. Our community has harmed its children in the past by welcoming division into our school systems. We ask for forgiveness for this immoral act of discrimination committed within our community that deprived the basic rights of Your children in Prince Edward Public Schools. We pray for those who suffered and lost during this time and through all the time that has passed. We acknowledge this wrongdoing, and commit ourselves to bettering the future. We ask for Your guidance for Longwood students who continue to grow, learn, and bring continued reconciliation to our community.

Lord, we pray for the **sick and for those who provide their comfort and care**. We pray for Centra Southside Community Hospital and all of the doctors, nurses, and medical personnel, as they work to heal all who come to them needing assistance. Just as You laid Your hand on the paralyzed man and healed him, Lord we ask You to alleviate all pain and suffering. Please lay Your hands on Your children and heal us, O Lord. Remind us the same as You did in the Book of Luke- that You, the Son of Man has authority on Earth to forgive all sins. Lord, help the lame to walk, the blind to see, and turn the sickness of hatred, inactivity, and indifference into love.

Lord, we pray for our **community organizations and for those who serve others**. We pray for the Moton Museum and for all of those who work to fulfill its message of community gathering, unity, and acceptance. Please bless the Moton and make it fruitful, increasing its numbers and spreading its message. Lord, we pray for the local businesses, churches, and for all who serve others. We pray for unity and reconciliation for all in the community. May You raise up a unified generation to lead our town into love. Help us learn from our past wrongdoings, and grant us peace as we build a strong sense of unity among all in the town of Farmville.

Lord, we pray for **the governing and public safety officials in our community and nation**. We pray for the local School Board as they work to provide our schools with support and unification. We pray for the leaders of our town. Lord, we ask that You show them guidance and mercy as they continue to bring us to peace. We also pray for our public safety officials in Farmville, Longwood, Hampden-Sydney, and Prince Edward County.

Lord, we pray for our **brothers and sisters in our community of faith**. At one time Your church sanctuaries were spaces for segregation and discrimination. Now those same churches welcome all people through its doors and preach of unity and peace. Through all of the trials and transgressions this world has shown us, we would not have been able to get through them without those who embody Your love and mercy. We ask that *You* guide those leading the community of faith as they create bonds within our community through Your teachings. Please revive the devotion and passion in the hearts of our pastors, teachers, and church leaders and help them to *stay true to Your word*, Lord.

O Lord, for this and all our prayers above, we praise You for your glory, for You are above all the world. You work everything together for our good. Galatians 5:22 tells us *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”* We graciously ask you to continue to spread Your loving-kindness into the hearts of Your people in this convalescing community. Lord, show us Your glory will be revealed and that all people will see it together, for You, O Lord, have spoken. We will continue to praise Your name.

Amen.