

## CEASEFIRE PRAYER VIGIL—May 9, 2020, 4 pm

### Opening Prayer

*Holy God, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth, especially this city. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Response after each name:

Rest eternal grant to *him*, O Lord

**And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.**

Devin Henson, 26	Keith Cooper, 46	Jessie Demary, 51
Isaiah Drummond, 29	Rashid Francis, 45	Keyon Rogers, 23
Davon Stewart, 41	William Lockett, 64	Carlos Brown, 20
Eric Galloway, 39	Montrell Johnson, 20	William Barrett, 20
Andre Giles, 31	Rodricus Milligan, 30	Joseph Metzger, 25
Detrell Garvin, 28	Sergio Jones, 28	Antoine Roy Sr., 44
Deonte Henderson, 22	Anthony Lewis, 20	Veronica Freeman, 47
Jamal Harrod, 35	Ricky King III, 17	Eddie Wycoff, 52
Rawshad Divers, 30	Stephen Sanders, 38	Joseph Washington, 34
Myron Dingle, 26	Shannon Barmer, 22	Gary Stewart, 59
Oluwatobi Aihevba, 28	Corey Jones, 33	Lamar Judd, 21
Dayquon Glenn, 23	Anthony Covington, 27	John Thomas III, 21
Jacqelin Burley, 32	Kimberly McCubbin, 30	Marcquis Wilson, 25
Melissa Brown, 31	Riyad Campbell, 18	Ta'jhia Westbrook, 21
Floyd Huntley, 37	Gary Williams, 18	Benjamin Barlow, 44
Graham Blake, 26	Dacron Hobbs, 43	Calvin Frost, 31
Jerron Davis, 24	Ernest Wilson III, 24	Preston Rich Jr., 21
Miles Izzard, 22	Robert Green, 27	
Kye Snell, 29	Dontrell Toliver, 20	

*For these we remember today, we also pray for their loved ones, those who raised and nurtured them, befriended and supported them, those who grieve their deaths. We especially remember their mothers whose hearts are torn as we celebrate Mother's Day tomorrow.*

*We also pray for the individuals whose acts of violence took the lives of those we name today. We pray for their souls, for their repentance, for their healing, for your forgiveness of the evil they have perpetrated, and the culture of racism and poverty that fuels their violence and their brokenness.*

*We pray for the communities and neighborhoods directly impacted by the violence and death that transpires regularly on the streets where children live and play, where elderly fear sitting on front porches, where young people struggle with the hope of a better life, where mothers and fathers worry constantly over the welfare of their children.*

*O God, look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us all in bonds of love; eliminate violence in all forms, and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purpose on earth; that in your good time all nations and races may serve you in harmony and peace.*