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Pastor Carl Ruby
Central Christian Church
1504 Villa Road
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Dear Pastor Ruby,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the promise that, through the death and resurrection of our Lord, nothing is beyond the reach of God's redemption.

This letter is sent as word of encouragement to you and your church, as well as our church's covenant to uphold your church and the entire Springfield community in prayer in this most unusual and unfortunate time. We have identified you and your church as a focus of our prayers as we stand in solidarity with your efforts to reach out to our Haitian sisters and brothers in Springfield through God's love in concrete, obvious ways. May our prayers for your church, the Haitian population of Springfield, and the entire community of Springfield, join those around our nation and around the world who pray for God's grace and love to redeem this very sad season in the life of your community. May God's care keep you all safe, and God's love cast out all fear, and may you continue to witness to the work of the gospel in this peculiar and unsettling time, we pray.

We pray these things with confidence in the victory of our Lord over all that opposes God's reign on earth and the recognition of the value and dignity of all people, no matter where they are from, what language they speak, or the color of their skin.

May God bless your work to these ends in the days ahead.

With audacious hope,

Todd Johnson, Pastor

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