



## THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

*HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME*

June 1, 2020

Dear Religious and Faith Leaders:

First of all, I want to acknowledge and thank each and every one of you for your unyielding and continued faith and work on behalf of our community.

In response to the atrocious and tragic death of George Floyd and the peaceful movements that are spreading across our nation calling for justice and reform. Police Commissioner Cheryl Clapprod and I want to take this moment to invite our religious and faith leaders from our Greater Springfield Community for a prayer vigil of hope and healing.

The prayer vigil will take place on the front steps of City Hall, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

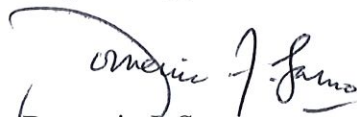
I want to thank Pastor Dr. Constant S. Cooley of United Temple Church of God in Christ and Pastor Eli Serrano of Restoration Worship Center for reaching out to me about coming together as one during these challenging times. They read my mind, as I was thinking about this over the weekend. Bringing us together as one not only during times of celebration but during challenging times as well. Now more than ever, we need prayer and hope in our community and across our United States of America.

I want to invite all clergy from all faiths and denominations to join with us as we come together in prayer for hope and healing.

Please share this letter and news about the prayer vigil with your respective leaders and associates so that they may participate if they so wish. As the prayer vigil will take place on the front steps of City Hall, we are respectfully asking that those attending please respect and adhere to the social distancing aspects as we continue to deal with and address the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

Thank you for your time and attention. May God Bless you and may God Bless our City of Springfield.

Respectfully,

  
Domenic J. Sarno  
Mayor