



# *The St. Martin Church of Christ, Inc.*

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*"A Ministry Moving from Healing to Wholeness"*

## **Declaration for the City of Baltimore**

Most Gracious and Eternal Father, this is the confidence that we have in you, that, if we ask any thing according to your will, you heareth us. And if we know that you hear us, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of you.

Recognizing that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen, we are not deterred by what Baltimore appears to be but are emboldened by what we know that you have created Baltimore to become.

- Therefore, we declare that God is Lord of Baltimore. You are in the midst of her and as a result despite her challenges she shall not be moved.
- Baltimore is a loving city. Because you have commended your love toward us.

And the love that we share,

- Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; it is not deceitful, it hates that which is evil; and embraces that which is good.

Baltimore is a peaceful city.

- Because you have left your peace with us. A perfect peace. Therefore, our hearts are neither troubled and neither do we fear.

Baltimore is a safe city.

- You have heard our cry during our season of trouble and have saved us from our distress.

Baltimore is a sober city.

- We are not an addicted city. We are temperate and Spirit-led. We are sound in our faith, charity and patience.

Baltimore is a prosperous city.

- Above all things our citizens are prosperous and in health, even as their souls prosper.

Baltimore is an equitable city.

- We are not a segregated city but are of one heart and one soul and have all things in common.

Baltimore is a healthy city.

- We are not just known for our health institutions but are renowned for the physical, mental and emotional health of our citizens.
- The light of Baltimore breaketh forth as the morning, and the health of our citizens springeth forth speedily.

Baltimore is a city that values and celebrates life.

- We know that the thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: but your desire for Baltimore is that we would have life, and that we would have *it* more abundantly.

And lastly Baltimore is a city that is united.

- Because your psalmist declares that it is both good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity! *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: Just like there, such is the case in Baltimore, that in our unity, God you delight in commanding your blessing, *even* life for evermore.

In Jesus name I pray, Amen.