

Father of lights [James 1:17],

the radiance of your Son has guided the advance of the Gospel [Philippians 1:12]
across the Diocese of Richmond for two centuries,
strengthening our Church
from the Eastern Shore to the Cumberland Gap.

Grant that the nearness of your Son [4:5] may dispel the darkness of our sins,

so that as our love increases more and more [1:9],
we may dare more than ever to fearlessly proclaim the word [1:14].

Holding fast to the word of life,

may we shine like stars in the world [2:15–16].

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.