San Antonio City Council Invocation Sister Pearl Ceasar April 15, 2021

Provident God, your wisdom is beyond our understanding, yet you reveal it to us in our daily lives.

Bless this council and all of us, as we begin the deliberation of the business of the City of San Antonio.

Enlighten us with your Word and fill us with your Spirit that we may follow the path that leads us to your wisdom.

Make us instruments of your peace.

Bless us with compassion, patience, joy and peace.

Help us remember the God-given dignity of all people and invite others to do the same.

Open our eyes that we may see your presence each day. Show us how to build bridges and not walls. Let us see what unites us rather than what divides. Let us seek to understand before asking to be understood.

Open our ears that we may hear your voice in unexpected places.

Give us a listening heart filled with empathy and compassion. May we be clear in sharing our own positions and respectful and civil in describing those of others.

Open our minds that we may understand the mystery of your love. Let us never tolerate hateful ideas. May we invite all to charity and love.

Open our hearts that we may grow in likeness to your mind and heart.

Provident God, help us imitate your compassion and your wisdom.

Make us an instrument of your peace. Amen.