



**EMBRACE. EMPOWER. EXPAND.**

The Honorable Carla J. Joseph  
Legislative Secretary  
35th Legislator of the Virgin Islands

Dear Secretary Joseph,

As I sit down to pen this tribute to Rev. Dr. William A. Industrious, my heart swells with a profound sense of respect and affection. Since our paths first crossed in 1967 on the vibrant island of St. Thomas, where I barely spoke English, your wisdom has been a lodestar to me.

Through the decades, our journeys intertwined as vines growing steadfastly around a strong oak. You were that oak, Rev. Dr. Industrious, grounding many of us in faith and purpose. Your ministry has been a testament to God's love, a lighthouse guiding wandering ships to safe harbor.

Remember the countless conversations under the Caribbean sun where your advice helped shape my worldview? You may not realize this, Rev. Dr. Industrious, but your words were like threads intricately woven into the tapestry of my life, establishing the very landscape of my spirituality.

Your name, Industrious, stands as a pillar of your character—ever-present, sturdy, and compassionate. You haven't simply preached the gospel; you've lived it among us, making the Word flesh through acts of service, of kindness, and of unparalleled commitment to our community.

In a matriarchal embrace, I celebrate you, not only as a colleague in faith but as the spiritual head of our extended family—a family that spans beyond biological ties to encompass all those touched by your profound empathy and ceaseless devotion.

As we honor and name a street after you, know that it's more than a mere symbol of recognition. It signifies the permanent trail you've blazed in our hearts and in the legacy of this community. Your name will be passed down with reverence, a constant reminder of the difference one righteous man can make.

Thank you, dear friend, for being a guiding force, for your unyielding zeal for the Word, and for your enduring love that has uplifted so many souls. Your impact is as indelible as the memories we've shared and as continuous as the ministry you cherish so dearly.

May this honor reflect the magnitude of your influence and the depth of our gratitude. Rev. Dr. William A. Industrious, in celebrating you, we also reaffirm our commitment to the eternal values you've instilled within us.

With the utmost esteem and boundless love,

Dr. Josette Rey



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