

Keep the Caring Connection

In coming weeks, many of our daughters and sons will be entering community colleges, colleges, universities, graduate schools, and seminaries throughout the land. Today we remember these young people—their hopes and educational pursuits—and pray for God's continued blessing on their lives.

A Litany of Sending

L: O God of all life: in their baptism you blessed our sons and daughters with your spirit, promised your aid, and called them into discipleship. For this everlasting blessing,

C: We give you thanks, O God.

L: We pray now for all students as they enter new paths of learning. We praise you for their gifts and ask for your continued blessing. For what you have given and what you shall give,

C: We give you thanks, O God.

L: As knowledge grows, increase also its wise and loving use, that all who continue their studies might serve you through their learning. God of all truth and understanding,

C: Bless our prayer.

L: To those who do not yet perceive life's next chapter, grant patience with the struggle, hope for the future, and confidence that you will guide them well. God of hope,

C: Bless our prayer.

L: Protect our younger students from any enticement which might lead to harm. Keep those who are older from the cynicism and despair that may follow disappointment and failure. Embrace mistakes with repentance and misfortunes with restoration, always making clear your word of constant and abundant love. God of mercy,

C: Bless our prayer.

L: Help parents and others concerned for the dangers and decisions students face beyond their family's caring eyes. Reassure them when they have done their best and heal any regrets, as they entrust sons and daughters to your care. God of grace,

C: Bless our prayer.

L: We commend our sisters and brothers to you, O God. By your unceasing Spirit, may their baptismal light so shine before others that all may see their good works and glorify you.

C: Amen.

Litany written by Mark Coulter, Lutheran Campus Pastor, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

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