

KEEP THE CARING CONNECTION

In the coming weeks, many of our daughters and sons will be graduating from high schools, community colleges, vocational-technical schools, colleges, universities, graduate schools and seminaries throughout the land.

Today we remember these graduates and their accomplishments and we pray for God's continued blessing on their lives.



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A LITANY FOR GRADUATION

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 those entering new lives after graduation, praising you for their gifts and asking you for your continued blessing. For what you have given and what you shall give,

C. *We give you thanks, O God.*

L. For those graduating into lives of full time employment: Lead them to work that honors you, benefits the world's need, and ennobles their own souls. God of daily labor,

C. *Bless our prayer.*

L. For those continuing their study: As their knowledge grows, increase also its wise and loving use that they, too, might serve you through their learning. God of all truth and understanding,

C. *Bless our prayer.*

L. For those who have yet to perceive where life may turn next: Grant them 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 graduates who are younger from any enticement that may tempt and 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 who share concern for the dangers and decisions that will be faced beyond their caring eyes. Reassure them where they have gone their best and heal their regrets as they entrust their sons and daughters to your care. God of grace,

C. *Bless our prayer.*

(Here other petitions may be offered)

L. We commend our graduating sisters and brothers to you, O God. By your unceasing Spirit, may their baptismal light so shine before others that they may see their good works and glorify you in heaven and on earth.

C. *Amen*