

Prayers for The Graduate

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1. God's Love

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord. (Psalm 107: 1, 43 NIV)

I pray you know God's great and unfailing love for you expressed in countless ways and are confident in His love that is constant, consistent, and never waivers.

2. Daily Direction

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5 NIV)

I pray you seek God's wisdom and direction as you start your day and begin a new chapter in life. May you listen to God's voice above the noise you hear from people, circumstances, and worldly views, and that you follow Him to make right choices and relationships.

3. Awareness of God's Leading

“In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:6)

I pray you look for God's way, that you will respect and accept the doors He closes and gratefully walk on the paths He makes clear; that you trust His paths against those that may look appealing but aren't from Him. While others may trust in “horses and chariots,” may you trust in God's reliable name. (Psalm 20:7)

4. Identity

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” (Psalm 139: 13-14 NIV)

I pray you know you are uniquely created by God—our Master Designer—and there is no need to compare or compete with anyone; that you would be secure in who you are and how God has made you for His purposes and glory; and that as you work hard, you do your personal best.

5. Anxiety

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7 NIV)

I pray you would dismiss anxious thoughts when they arise—whether over people, projects, or your perceived insecurities. That you would take these anxious thoughts to God in prayer and find scripture to pray to give you peace. That you would be thankful and rejoice for God’s ministry from His Word in overwhelming circumstances and in the comfort the Holy Spirit offers you.

6. Trust and Security

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” (Psalm 91:1-2 NIV)

May you know your ultimate security is in God as you dwell in Him and find comfort, that you know that He is always your safe place of refuge and is strength to you.

7. Be in the Word

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” (Psalm 119:105 NIV)

I pray that even in a busy schedule and pressures with little sleep, you will find time to be in the Word and that when you read, you will have a verse, thought, or principle that meets you that day. May God give you a fresh view of His Word for this new chapter of your life and see how God is a living, active, and personal God.

8. Wisdom:

“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” (James 1:5 NIV)

I pray you see the difference between wisdom and knowledge, between a worldview and a Biblical worldview, and as you do, you apply godly insight to your decisions and make right choices.

9. Live as Salt and Light

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16 NIV)

I pray you remember whose you are and the opportunities God has set in place for you. I pray you would be salt and enhance the flavor around you and be light to show the difference Jesus makes in a life. May your influence be noticed and felt and lives changed for God’s glory.

10. Gratitude

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.)

I pray you will develop gratitude and awareness of God’s presence in your life—that He is your Giver of the gifts, opportunities, and people He has placed in your life.

11. Guard Your Heart

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” (Proverbs 4:23 NIV)

I pray you are aware of your heart’s tendencies and guard it so that you won’t speak impulsive or harsh words or do insensitive or hurtful things. That you would recognize the Holy Spirit’s nudge when words, thoughts, and behaviors come that aren’t right, and you have a desire to make changes, as needed, with God’s help.

12. Protection

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.”(1 Peter 5:8 NLT)

I pray you are sensitive to the schemes and subtleties of the devil and remember to place God’s Word against every temptation or thought. May you remember God hems you in and be confident in His power to protect you.

13. Health and Soul Prosperity

“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.” (3 John 2 NIV)

I pray you prosper today, that your mind and body would be healthy and free from illness or stress and that your soul prospers as it is fed by God’s Word and your intimacy with Him in prayer.

14. Peace

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:27 NLT)

I pray that today you receive the bequest of peace Jesus has given you, even if you have unsettling situations and stresses in your life or with those around you. I pray you recognize the difference between the reality of God’s peace not just the absence of stress, that the peace that passes understanding would be yours. (Isaiah 26:3 NIV)

15. Grace

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV)

I pray that you know God’s supply of grace will be enough for everything you need.

16. Humility

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:6-7)

I pray you develop a spirit of humility toward others in any accomplishments you have. That you would remember God is your Source, not just a resource, and you would lean heavily on Him.

17. God Is For You

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:31-32 NIV)

I pray when disappointments happen, or when wrong seems to win over right, you would be secure knowing God is for you; that the absence of a gift you wanted or an answer to prayer doesn’t mean God as your Source and Father is withholding anything from you, but is working on your behalf; that leaning into Him and His presence is a gift.

18. Faithfulness

“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3: 21-23NIV)

I pray you will see and remind yourself that God loves you and is faithful to you, every single minute. That every day you would see His compassions in your life and His handcrafted mercies personally designed for you.

19. You Are a Conqueror

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8 37-39 NIV)

I pray that you see yourself through Jesus and know that with Him, you are a conqueror. Gideon saw himself as weak, but God called him “mighty warrior.” That you would see yourself through God’s eyes. May you desire the Holy Spirit’s empowerment and enablement in your life for whatever lies before you today.

20. Establish the Work of Your Hands

“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.” (Psalm 90:17 NIV)

I pray as you make decisions about study and projects; that you prepare and plan with God, and His favor will rest on you and be apparent. When it does, that you will remember to thank Him.

21. No Fear

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7 NIV)

I pray you remember fear is not from God and that situations or people won't intimidate you, but you would have God-confidence in all He directs you to do.

22. Contentment

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.” (1 Timothy 6:6-8 NIV)

I pray today you are contented and keep yourself from comparison with others in what they have or don't have. That you keep an upward focus—God's perspective—so you don't feel deprived, cheated, or proud.

23. Integrity

“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.” (Colossians 1: 9-12 ESV)

I pray you walk in integrity, knowing who you are, whose you are, and are thankful. That as Psalm 90:12 says, you apply your heart to wisdom.

25 Your Work

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” (Colossians 3:23 NIV)

I pray you are not discouraged and overwhelmed by difficult or mundane projects and assignments. That you wouldn't look at them as only a necessary means to a goal, but as part of growing in discipline with diligence and an attitude will please the Lord.

26: Relationships

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4: 2-3 NIV)

I pray that you take the high road in relationships, being humble, patient, gentle, and loving, recognizing God made everyone in His image.

27. Prayerfulness

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.” (Ephesians 6:18 NIV)

I pray you would develop the habit of consistent prayer—confession, praise, thanks, and requests to God for others and yourself—and know that God stands ready to receive your bold prayers at any time (Hebrews 4:15-16).

28. God's Word

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11 NIV)

I pray you love the Word, read and study it, not as an obligation or requirement but as a delight, so you can apply it daily to your life.

29. Dilemmas

“We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” (2 Chronicles 20:12b NIV)

I pray that whatever decisions or dilemmas you are facing, you would take them to God in prayer and see what the Bible has to say.

30. Waiting

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” (Psalm 27:14 NIV)

I pray you will not rush ahead of God's direction or take an easy and convenient route to make decisions out of restlessness or fatigue; that you would replace hastiness with waiting well.

31: Joy

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” (John 15: 11 NIV)

I pray that in discouragement, overwhelming work, or with difficult people around you, you will find and have joy. That you will see the difference between happiness and joy, and if you are a difficult person interrupting someone else’s joy, you will have the courage to fix what needs to be fixed.