

Prayers for students preparing for university

Prayer of Commissioning in the Parish Church

Lord, we ask you to bless N. and all those going to study at university this year. Thank you for their life and their health.

Inspire them to learn and to grow in every aspect of their life, supported by good friendships.

Keep them strong in their Faith and in the values they have learned at home and at school.

May they always be sure of the love of their family and of your protecting help.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer of Blessing for those going to university

✠ May the Lord bless you and shine his light on you. May the Lord inspire your learning and bless your friendships. May he strengthen your weakness and cloak you with joyful hope for the journey ahead. May he guide you in times of trouble and show you the path of life. **Amen**

Prayer for a loved one at university

Dear Lord, please bless N. He/she is away from home and we miss him/her. Please take care of N., especially if he / she has any problems.

Help him/her to study and to make friends.

Show us how best to support him/her and bring him/her home safely.

May the prayers of Our blessed Lady, St Joseph and all the saints help and encourage him/her.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

| A Student's Prayer, by Thomas Aquinas.

| Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, lofty origin of all being, graciously let a ray of Your brilliance penetrate into the darkness of my understanding and take away the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of both sin and ignorance.

Give me a sharp sense of understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally.

Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations, and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm.

| Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in completion, through Christ our Lord. Amen.