

Prayers for Students at the University of Portland

For Our Students

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.

Amen.

(USCCB)

Prayer of Academic Thanksgiving

Lord God,

Thank you for this opportunity to learn new skills and stretch my understanding.

Thank you for guiding me through this time of study into the final exams.

I lay before you all the hopes and fears I have about the outcome.

May you place a peace within me now as I rest and await the results.

Thank you that I am safely held in your love.

Thank you that whatever happens in the future I will live in your goodness and walk with you always.

Amen.

(Author Unknown)

Prayer for Preparing to Study

Lord, I know you are with me and love me.

Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study.

Help me to focus on my books and notes,
keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use
of this time that is available to me.

Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying,
and help me to remember it when the time comes.

Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study
and for the many gifts and talents you have given me.

Help me always to use them in such a way
that they honor you and do justice to myself.

Amen.

(Salesian Prayer)

Prayer before Exams

Lord God, it seems as though our lives are one test after another,
weighing us in somebody's balance.

Save us from taking the coming test too seriously or too lightly.
May we reflect the best work we've done
and the best teaching we've received.
To you be all glory and success.

Amen.

(John W. Vannorsdall)

Prayer for Studying

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 from me 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.

(St. Thomas Aquinas)

Prayer for Creation

O Lord, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect of
And care for your Creation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us to recognize the sacredness of all of your
Creatures as signs of your wondrous love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us turn from the selfish consumption of
Resources meant for all and to see the impacts of our
choices on the poor and vulnerable.

Lord, hear our prayer.

(Author Unknown)

Prayer for a Friend

Dear Lord,

I pray for my friend right now. I pray that you will help them with the struggles
they are going through in this season.

For you know exactly what they need in this moment. Draw near to them and let
them feel your presence. Open their eyes, ears, and hearts to you. Help them have
the discernment to hear your voice as you lead them in their next steps. Speak to
them as they read your word and bring verses of encouragement and comfort to
their attention.

I pray that you will calm any fear or anxiety they may be feeling. Replace it with
the confidence to obey your word and to trust you. I pray that your guidance will
be clear to them from this day forward. In your name, I pray.

Amen.

(Author Unknown)

Prayer Amidst Change

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change,

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,

We recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own
work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

Amen.

(Author Unknown)

