

**Prayer of Blessing for D'Esta Love  
Upon her commission as University Chaplain  
University Church of Christ  
October 13, 2003**

Lord of Heaven and Earth,

This is a special day in the life of our community of faith. One of our own, D'Esta Love, has been called by the University, indeed called by you to serve in the capacity of University Chaplain. As her brothers and sisters, we come this morning to give you thanks and ask for your blessing.

We thank you, Father, for D'Esta, whose service to you, undivided heart, and commitment to your Word has inspired all of us to know the hope, inheritance, and power that comes from belief in you and your Son.

We thank you for the University, which provides a place where seekers of truth can live and learn, and has concern for the spiritual well being of those who come under its influence.

And we thank you for this church family, whose members bear witness to the love, compassion and peace of your Kingdom.

This morning, O God, we ask a special blessing upon D'Esta as she assumes the role of University Chaplain. We pray that during her tenure you will give her wisdom and understanding, that you will enlarge her compassion and kindness, and that you will enlighten the eyes of her heart. We ask that you will give her physical strength to carry out her ministry and a quietness of mind that will shield her from its burdens. Help her to feel and to know our love and our support. We ask that her work will model love, restore health, foster reconciliation, and enlarge your Kingdom on this campus, in his community, and around the world. In all of her harvest, Father, and in all the work of her hands, bless her so that her joy and your joy may be complete.

We pray this in your Son's name. Amen

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