

God, our creator, sustainer and companion,

Through whom we've received every gift and ability we employ
And in whom we find the purpose for which we were made,

We offer thanks for all that has brought us to this moment
For the opportunities granted
For the friends and family members extending beyond those in this room
 whose encouragement and support have brought us here
For Your care and guidance that has led us here and will lead us forward

We pray your care and direction for each of the students preparing this week
 for a new leg of their journey,

For purpose,
for courage,
for diligence,
for fulfillment,
for wisdom,
for attentiveness,
for faith,

for wise and attentive guides,
for a part in faithful community in which they are known and loved
and for a sense of your loving call.

We pray your blessing for those parents and loved ones
 who have brought them to this point,
For the transition this represents,
for grace in the changes and challenges ahead,
for confidence in their students' resources for the journey ahead,
 and in their students' companions on this way.

We pray your blessing on the days ahead of orientation
of reorientation to this phase of life
We pray a sense of your presence through this process,
 and of your promise for the days beyond it.

We pray that the path ahead leads towards a life
 in which the many gifts and abilities in this room are connected in You
 to lives of service and purpose.

May our prayers meet your will through the great mercy of Jesus' name,

Amen.