

Leadership Service
Amphitheatre
August 22, 2005, 7:00 pm

Prayer of Commission: D'Esta Love, University Chaplain

Invitation to prayer: Please rise. With all our heart and with all our mind, we place ourselves under the leadership of Christ our Lord and say together: "Here am I, the Servant of the Lord."

Holy Father, good and gracious God, Lord of our lives,

We have assembled to give honor to you, to seek your presence, to express gratitude, to commune with one another and to ask a blessing as we begin this school year. Holy Father, we present before you, in the beauty of this occasion and the quietude of this hour, these, your servants in this place. They are united in their task to serve Pepperdine University and their fellow students as leaders and they have been united this evening in a common supper of renewal and dedication to lay their lives before you in humility and in faith.

As they have committed to follow you in obedience and with the loyalty of their lives, be their leader and their guide. Fill them with your Spirit, be at work in them and be present to them in their serving. Equip them with wisdom from above. Give them energy and strength for their tasks, humility in their leading, courage in their calling, and sensitivity to the needs of others. Give them obedient and willing hearts, bless the work they do and may they find joy in their service.

We give you thanks for the witness of these students, who stand ready to serve this community. We send them forth in your name and with your blessing in the name of Jesus, who taught us to serve one another, Amen.

Please repeat after me:

"Here am I, the servant of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word."