



Prayer of the church for a Campus Ministry 100 celebration

Option 1:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessings you give us throughout life, our mind and all our abilities. We thank you for the gifts that you provide in the systems in place for higher education at colleges, universities, and technical schools throughout our land and beyond. We thank you for the chances we have to learn and work in our different vocations, remembering our highest calling is one of the royal priesthood, the holy nation, the people belonging to you that we may declare your praises who called us out of darkness to light.

The darkness of this world surrounds us everywhere at any time. It is especially seen and felt in our young adults transitioning into the next stage of their lives beyond high school. Worldly philosophies and empty deceits surround them; continually attempting to pull your people away from Christ and to what society's itching ears want to hear. Keep them rooted and grounded in your Word. Send your Spirit to strengthen their faith as they never forget that the "fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom."

Continue to bless WELS Campus Ministry as they work with the resources you provide to enhance current ministries and search for new mission fields. Be with campus pastors and congregations that serve students as they rejoice in the opportunities God provides to be caretakers of those souls. Bless our church body with the ability and desire to hold on to the truths of your Word in the midst of a world that is quick to let them go.

In the name of Jesus, the true Wisdom from on high, we pray.

Amen.

Option 2 (Responsive):

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessings you give us throughout life, our mind and all our abilities.

To you, O LORD, I will lift up my soul.

We thank you for the gifts that you provide in the systems in place for higher education at colleges, universities, and technical schools throughout our land and beyond.

In you I have trusted, O my God.

We thank you for the chances we have to learn and work in our different vocations, remembering our highest calling is to declare your praises for calling us out of darkness to light.

Make me walk in your truth because you are the God who saves me.

The darkness of this world surrounds us everywhere at any time. Our young adults transitioning from high school to college especially feel the pressure. Worldly philosophies and empty deceits continually try to pull them away from Christ. Keep them rooted and grounded in your Word. Send your Spirit to strengthen their faith that the “fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.”

Direct the humble to what is just, teach the humble your way.

Continue to bless WELS Campus Ministry as they work to enhance and expand their ministry. Bless campus pastors and congregations with opportunities to care for the souls of students. Bless our church body with the ability and desire to hold on to the truths of your Word amid a world that is quick to let them go.

May integrity and uprightness protect me, because I wait for you.

Special prayers, silent or spoken may be made.

In the name of Jesus, the true Wisdom from on high, we pray.

Amen.