



TRANSITION 101
MAKE THE CONNECTION

5-Minute Prayer Guide

Pastors, Sending Churches
and Youth influencers





Pray

Jesus, thank you for the deep love you have for the high school grads of 2020. Please guide them into your perfect peace. Amid transition and change, may you be their solid rock and refuge. As they step into uncertainty, may they be fully convinced of what you have promised so many times in your Word: "Do not fear, for I am with you." Fill their lives with faith, hope, and love.

Jesus, we thank you that we can know and journey with these grads, that you have trusted their spiritual growth to this church/faith community. As we send them on, we pray that they will connect to a new faith community, and that they will be a blessing to that place, just as they are to this one. May this new community welcome them. May it challenge this grad to find deeper levels of commitment to Christ and his church, and may this grad know that s/he will always be welcomed back to this place/group as a much-loved sister/brother.

May this new chapter of life be filled with growth. Please transform these high school grads into mature adults who are dependent upon Jesus. May they worship you through their studies, as they gain skills and knowledge, and glorify you throughout their lives and in their future occupations. Bless them and make them a blessing to everyone they cross paths with. I ask that they would not just be disciples but disciplemakers. Do this by the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



Pick 3 of these prayer requests and pray them for the High School Grads of 2020

- That they would keep Jesus at the centre of their lives
- For them to get deeply connected into a community of faith
- That they would not be snared by idols (academic success, popularity, romance, etc.)
- For each of them to find a faith mentor who can encourage them as they follow Jesus
- That their doubts and questions would ultimately lead them closer to Jesus rather than farther from him.
- For their mental health amid difficult transitions
- That God would shape their character and make them more like Jesus
- That they would see themselves as missionaries to their campuses
- For spiritual protection against the attacks and lies of the evil one
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- For hearts that will always desire to walk closely with the Lord

Visualize a specific high school grad or the group as a whole. Then pray Ephesians 1:17–23 over them:

“ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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Parents





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As we have watched [name of grad] grow up we have waited with anticipation for this day where [name of grad] would make this transition into the world after high school. As we look to the days when [name of grad] will no longer live at home full time, no longer be within the circle of our family in the same ways s/he has been up till now, we ask that you Lord Jesus continue to show us ways we can support [name of grad] that enhance the stage of life that s/he is in and continue to encourage growth towards maturity in and passion for Christ.

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Lord, as we prepare to receive these grads, we ask that you soften our hearts to make space for the incoming frosh where they will feel connected to a new faith community on campus. Help us to welcome them well by extending your hospitality to them. Jesus we are filled with excitement for what these grads will bring and contribute to our campus communities, and we cannot wait to meet them. We also take seriously the trust you've given us in journeying alongside them over these coming years as you continue to transform them.

May this new chapter of their lives be filled with growth. May these grads worship you through their studies, as they gain skills and knowledge to glorify you through their future occupations. Bless them and make them a blessing to everyone they cross paths with. I ask that they would not just be disciples but disciplemakers. Do this by the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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Graduates



Slowly and prayerfully read Psalm 23 (NIV)

“ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

< 1.5 MINUTES >

Respond to Psalm 23 in prayer

(thanking God for what it reveals, asking for the strength to live as if these things are true, accepting his invitation to peace, committing to trust him even through the valleys, etc.). Invite Jesus' shepherding into your present and your future.

< 2 MINUTES >

Pray for yourself and all the High School Grads of 2020, that:

- upcoming transitions and challenges would lead to a deepening and maturing of your faith
- you would all get firmly rooted in thriving, loving and purposeful faith communities

< 30 SECONDS >

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Thank you Jesus for the journey you have led me on so far. Help me to remember your goodness and confidently walk with you into the next season of my life. I choose to trust you and follow you. Encourage my peers as they also step into new chapters. Please shape us to become the people you have made us to be. Enable us to be a blessing to everyone we will meet. Would you even give us the privilege of helping others encounter you for the first time. Thank you that you are always with us. Amen.