

United Methodist Student Day: Litany

Leader: Today, on this United Methodist Student Day, we honor the dreams planted in the hearts of those who feel called to pursue further education and live out their faith by continuing to grow deeper in knowledge that will help them use the gifts God created within them to change the world.

People: Grant them confidence to pursue these dreams.

Leader: Today, we remember those students who are away from home, some for the first time. We lift up those living away from home, from family, and from the community of faith. We pray they find new places to be loved, new places to be nurtured, and new places to challenge them to press further on the path of following Jesus.

People: Grant them the courage to press on.

Leader: Today, we lift up the ministry that happens on college campuses. We pray for these ministries that offer faith at a time in life it can sometimes be set aside, that offer hope in times that can feel very alone and that offer love in moments that home seems far away.

People: We pray, O God that they may be a beacon of Your love and hope.

Leader: Today we consider those who have a dream of furthering their education and not a way. We recognize these closed doors that exist for some of our brothers and sisters. We rejoice that together our gifts can open some of those doors.

People: We pray, O God that we may be generous in our gifts and prayers.

Leader: Today, on this United Methodist Student Day, we offer prayers for our students. We pray for perseverance in their studies, for confidence in their gifts and vocation, and for the experience of joy in learning. Bless their efforts as they unify faith and knowledge to make our world a better one.

People: We pray, O God for our students. Amen