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Prayers for Higher Education

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We all know people who became radically devoted to Jesus during their college years and went on to influence society in significant ways. Sadly, most of us also know some who rebelled during those impressionable years. You can help college and university students at this pivotal time in their lives by using these prayers to direct you into strategic intercession.

Evangelism

1. God, open the door for the message of Christ to be proclaimed on university and college campuses. Give Your people words and boldness to make it known. Open the hearts of students, faculty, and administrators so they can respond to the message. Once they do, Lord, please let the message spread rapidly (Col. 4:3-4; Eph. 6:19; Acts 16:14; 2 Thess. 3:1).

Students

2. Lord, give students a hunger for truth and a curiosity about Your Word, followed by an understanding and love for it (Ps. 119:97, 104).
3. Faithful God, help Christian students to become "long-haulers" who will stand firm and follow You for their entire lives and not just during their college days. Let nothing move them away from You. Give them grace to always devote themselves fully to Your work because they know their labor for You is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58-59).
4. Holy Spirit, convict believing students of sin and help them to abstain from it wholeheartedly. Empower them to live such good lives that their unbelieving peers will see their good deeds and give You glory (1 Pet. 2:11-12).

Faculty and Administration

5. God of all wisdom, help these learned men and women not to be puffed up by their knowledge. Give them humility so they will not be caught in the trap of thinking they know it all. Help them to recognize that the foolishness of God is wiser than all of human wisdom (1 Cor. 1:20-25; 8:1-2).
6. Spirit of truth, guide professors and textbook writers into all truth. Demolish strongholds of worldly, godless philosophies; demolish every argument and pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God. Help curriculum creators focus on what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy (Jn. 16:13; 2 Cor. 10:4-5; Phil. 4:8).



7. Lord, raise up a generation of godly faculty and administrators—young people with aptitude for every kind of learning, who are well informed, quick to understand, and able to teach even in a godless environment (Dan. 1:4).

Gender

8. Creator God, give young adults delight in their masculinity and femininity, and the fact that You made both genders in Your image. Help them to glorify and thank You so their thinking doesn't become futile, their hearts darkened, and their sexuality confused (Gen. 1:27; Ro. 1:21,24,26-27).

Student Leaders

9. Sovereign Lord, You establish all authorities, including campus housing administrators and residence hall directors. Bring students who hold authority positions to the knowledge of the truth so that everyone may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness (Ro. 13:1; 1 Tim. 2:1-3).
10. Light of the world, shine into the influential Greek system. Remove the veil from those whom the god of this age has blinded so they can see the gospel of Christ, who is the image of God. Help those who have pledged fraternities and sororities to follow Your great light so they will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life (Jn. 1:5; 2 Cor. 4:3-4; Jn. 8:12).
11. Bless Christian athletes as they run the race You have for them. Help them to pursue not only earthly trophies, but also the eternal prize. May they hold out the word of life so they may boast on the day of Christ that they did not run for nothing (Heb. 12:1; 1 Cor. 9:24-25; Phil. 2:16).

Campus Ministries

12. Lord, cause campus ministries to delight in revering Your name. Grant them favor with college administrators and faculty (Neh. 1:11).
13. Jehovah-Jireh, provide for all the campus ministers' needs according to Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Raise up supportive believers who will plead for the privilege of sharing in this service (Phil. 4:19; 2 Cor. 8:4).
14. Lord of the harvest, send workers into the academic harvest field, especially where Christ is not yet known and where they will not have to build on someone else's foundation (Mt. 9:38; Jn. 4:35; Ro. 15:20).

Spiritual Warfare

15. Father, shield students from the hollow and deceptive philosophies, human traditions, and worldly principles on college campuses (Col. 2:8).
16. Deliverer, protect believing students and faculty from evildoers and enemies. Strengthen and protect them from the evil one, and direct their hearts into Your love and Christ's perseverance (Ps. 59:1-2; 2 Thess. 3:3,5).

Missions

17. Lord of the nations, You determined the times and exact places where all people live so they would seek You. Inspire international students to find You while they are abroad. When they return home, cause them to tell their own people what You have done for them (Acts 17:26-27; Lk. 8:39).
18. Father, You have prepared good works for all Your children. Raise up new Christian leaders and send them into government, business, education, journalism, and the arts so they can make disciples of all nations (Eph. 2:10; Mt. 28:19).

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