

LITANY FOR GRADUATION SUNDAY

P: Pastor - G: Graduates - C: congregation

P: Today we recognize the academic achievements of our graduating seniors. We celebrate with them during this time of graduation.

G: We thank you, O Lord, for the many people who have guided our lives. You have given us many examples to follow; teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, and our own families who taught us to believe in our selves and to believe in you.

C: Lord, help us to celebrate the milestones of our young people. They grow up so fast and learn so much. Guide us as we nurture them on their Journey of faith.

P: But things change. Life is dynamic. We prepare to move on toward the future.

G: Lord we are both excited and scared as we leave the safety of family and venture into the world.

C: Lord, grant us peace as we say good-bye to those who prepare to leave our midst. We entrust these graduates to your care, knowing that you walk with them.

P: You will be given many new freedoms. You must make many daily decisions as to how you will live your lives.

G: We celebrate our freedoms and ask for guidance in our decisions.

C: The Lord is faithful and promises to be with you as you choose friends who will help you celebrate the goodness of God's love.

P: With freedom comes much responsibility.

G: We now take over major responsibility in our lives. We choose where to live and work, how to spend our income and how to live in society.

C: You do not take on those responsibilities alone. Remember your loving God who wishes to help you in life. Your God also reminds you of your responsibilities to participate in the community of faith and to serve your sisters and brothers with justice and mercy.

P: You go forth from this place as the light of the world and salt of the earth.

G: God, grant us the power to serve you.

C: As God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost, God sends the Spirit with you to empower you, to strengthen your faith and to lead you in lives of holiness and service.

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