

Dear BCS Community,

Today is our nation's "National Day of Prayer". This is usually a day when we gather in the Athletic Center and spend time with our students praying prayers of thanksgiving and supplication and intercession. We need those prayers now more than ever. Please join me throughout the day in prayer. Please consider praying the following prayers so that we are lifting our voices to our Lord in unison:

During the noon hour - a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to our Lord for the gifts we have been given and the greater gifts that are to come.

Prayer during the early afternoon hours (1:00 - 2:00) - prayers for the health and safety of our community and prayers for opportunities to serve our community for the glory of Christ

Prayer during the late afternoon hours (3:00 - 5:00) - prayers for our elementary students. Please pray that they are safe in their homes, at peace with our current situation, that they have full understanding of their position of importance in our lives, and that they are comforted in these unprecedented times.

Prayer during the evening hours (6:00 - 8:00) - prayers for our secondary students. Please pray for their ability to refrain from temptations of gathering in groups and going into public unprotected. Pray for their patience in forgoing the milestones and fun times of the spring season for the sacrifice of quarantine. Pray for their safety and their spirits.

Prayers during the late evening hours (9:00 - 10:00) - prayers for our seniors. Let us lift up our seniors and pray that they have the stillness of spirit for contemplative discernment as they see so many milestones of their high school years pass by unfulfilled. Pray that they have the ability to see God's blessings during this time and not have a focus on loss. Pray for their transition to independence, their safety, and their ability to enter the next phase of their life with as much normalcy as possible. Pray that the love of our Father is firmly entrenched in their hearts.

Finally - when you lay your head on your pillow, let us join together in the Lord's Prayer. Let's end this day together with the words of Christ as he taught us how to pray to our Father.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those*

who trespass against us.

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

Blessings for Today!

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President