

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY PRAYER

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Oh Lord, open our lips.

And we shall declare your praise.

(Psalm 51:15)

I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

(Psalm 9:1-2, 7-10)

OPENING PRAYER

Oh God, the source of eternal light: set forth your unending day upon us to watch for you, that our lives may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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PSALM OR SCRIPTURE *(see other side)*

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS FOR OUR CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

Almighty God, you have promised through your Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

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For the campus of Virginia Tech, its faculty, staff, administrators, and leaders:

For the students, for their spiritual awakening, intellectual growth, and personal wellbeing:

For the unity and flourishing of campus ministries and local churches in the Blacksburg area:

For those who are poor, sick, in prison, or the victims of violence or oppression:

For violent conflicts and war in parts of the world:

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, by your gift alone we come to wisdom and true understanding: Look with favor, we pray, on our universities, colleges, and schools, that knowledge may be increased among us and wholesome learning flourish and abound. Bless those who teach and those who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look to you, the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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MALACHI 4:1-6

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

PSALM 8

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants

you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:

all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky,

and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

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PSALM 25:1-10

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name

for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,

for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.

May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.

You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

The LORD will vindicate me;

Your love, LORD, endures forever — do not abandon the works of your hands.