

Samford Parents Prayer Guide

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Together as Samford parents, we will intercede
on behalf of Samford students.

We serve a mighty God whose hand rests upon His children.
He never leaves us or forsakes us, and we know we can rest in Him.
In Him, our students are safe.

*God has said, "Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5*

*“Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for
your families, your sons and your daughters,
your wives and your homes.”
Nehemiah 4:14*

Samford Parents,

Thank you for interceding on behalf of Samford students. We hope you will use this prayer guide during the first week of the school year to pray for your student and other students in the Samford community.

Use the lines at the bottom of each page to journal your prayers or use this space later to note when you see God answering those prayers. If you write specific prayers for your son or daughter here, you may consider mailing this journal to your student at the end of the week to show how you have prayed for him or her.

Personalize the prayers by placing your student's name into the Scriptures. You may also want to insert the name of your student's roommate or new friends. We want to lift up each student in prayer.

Samford parents join together, via Zoom, on the first Monday night of each month during the academic year. Please visit www.samford.edu/parents/events for more information or email parents@samford.edu.

Day One: Protection

Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
Psalm 16:1

*The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock,
in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*
Psalm 18:2

*He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*
Psalm 91:4

Dear Father,

Thank you for keeping your hand on my student. I pray that you will be present in her dorm room and in every classroom and space across campus. As she walks with friends and travels off campus, I pray you will guide and protect her. I ask that you keep her physically well this semester. Guard her heart and be the rock in whom she takes refuge. May your faithfulness be her shield.

I thank you that you are with your children. Thank you for being her strong protector.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Day Two: Relationship with Christ

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3

Dear Father,

Thank you that you want to have a personal relationship with us. I ask that you help my student keep her eyes on you. I pray that she will yield her will to yours. Remind her how precious she is to you and how much you love her. I pray that her relationship with you would be the most important thing in her life. When times are hard and days are long, may she not grow weary and lose heart.

We thank you that you loved us enough to send your Son to die on the cross for our sins. Give my student the desire and strength to run with perseverance the race marked out before her.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Day Three: Peace

*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*
John 16:33

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*
Philippians 4:6

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1Peter 5:7

Dear Father,

Thank you for allowing us to cast our cares upon you. I ask for your peace to rest upon my student. When she is facing trials, let her mind be focused on you, rather than her circumstances. When she begins to worry, I pray that she will run to you and find the peace that you fully give.

We thank you for your peace upon your children. We give you the glory and honor.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Day Four: Joy

*You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

Psalm 16:11

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Psalm 126:3

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

Dear Father,

Thank you for the fullness of joy that we experience in your presence. I pray that my student would be filled with joy, as she grows in her relationship with you. I pray that she will find joy in the work you have called her to do each day. May your joy overflow from her and impact the lives of people around her.

We thank you that we can rejoice even in tough times, secure in our faith and in your unconditional love.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Day Five: Friendships

And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God.
1 Samuel 23:16

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.
Proverbs 27:17

*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up
meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing,
but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*
Hebrews 10:24-25

Dear Father,

Thank you for the gift of friendship and community. I ask that you bring genuine friends to my student. Surround her with other students who will encourage her to become more like you. I pray that they would enjoy time together and that their conversations would honor you.

We thank you that you created us to need one another. May my student's relationships glorify you.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Day Six: Boldness

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*
Matthew 28:19-20

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.
Romans 1:16

*For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid,
but gives us power, love and self-discipline.*
2 Timothy 1:7

Dear Father,

Thank you for your power that helps us stand up for righteousness. I pray you will help my student to trust your promises when circumstances are difficult and when she is faced with peer pressure. Help her to manage situations that are outside of her comfort zone. I pray that she will step forward in boldness and will not be ashamed of the gospel. May she share your truth so that others around her will know you as Lord and Savior.

Thank you for placing my student in a position of influence, so that she may tell others about you.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Day Seven: Rest

*This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls."*

Jeremiah 6:16

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.*

Matthew 11:29

*Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away,
yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*

2 Corinthians 4:16

Dear Father,

Thank you for letting us come to you when we are weary. I pray that my student will find rest in you when she feels burdened. I pray that she would seek your wisdom for the best path, walk in it, and find rest for her soul. I ask that you renew her spirit day by day.

We thank you that our souls can rest in you.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.
