

## **Senior Recognition Service Template**

- 1. Today we recognize our high school graduates. To begin our time, we have a video to honor their achievement.**
- 2. At this time, graduates, please make your way to the front.**
- 3. Church, these are your graduates, and I am sure many of you are interested in hearing their plans, so I have asked them to briefly share their names, their immediate plans, and something they are excited/nervous about in this new season.**
- 4. Thank you, graduates. While we recognize the hard work of these individuals and their families and friends who supported them, our main priority as a church is to commission them to live faithfully to the Lord as they enter a new season of life.**
- 5. Graduates, we want to challenge you that you have a much higher calling on your life than getting a good career to make money and to live comfortably. If you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are a part of God's story of redemption, and you get to invite others into that story. We desire you to see every area of your life as an opportunity to walk faithfully with the Lord and glorify Him.**
- 6. As your church, we are going to spend intentional time praying for you guys to stand firm in your faith.**
- 7. At this time, church family, please rise in preparation for our time of prayer, and graduates, please take your gift from our church and stand near your families.**
- 8. If you are near a graduate or would like to get closer, please do so now, or even reach out a hand towards them when we pray. The worship team will read scripture that will guide our prayer time. Let's pray.**

## Prayers for the Grads

Lord, we commit these graduates to you.

We pray that they:

- 1. Trust You as their Lord and Savior - and if they have not received the gift of salvation, that they would soon experience the joy of following You.**
  - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23
- 2. Live out their salvation - that every aspect of their life would be saturated with knowing and living for you and that they would recognize that you are the one working through them.**
  - Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Philippians 2:12-13
- 3. Grow in their faith - while we want them to be good stewards of their education and careers, more than anything, we desire them to increase in spiritual wisdom and knowledge of your will and to live according to your Word.**
  - And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:9-10
- 4. Depend entirely on You - that in every aspect of their life, they would seek You first and not rely on their understanding of the world but place their trust in You as You direct their paths.**
  - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33
  - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. Proverbs 3:5-7
- 5. Are part of a local church and find godly mentors and friends - who hold them accountable in their walk and who will spur them on towards knowing You and making You known.**
  - And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one

another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

**6. Are not ashamed of the gospel and make disciples - that they see the next part of their life as an opportunity to point others to the risen Son, and that they take great comfort that you are with them always.**

- For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16
- Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

**To God be the glory forever and ever, amen.**