



Blessing of Graduates Milestone

Gather as a family (in person, virtually or both) and begin by sharing something that has brought you joy recently and something that has been frustrating for you in the last few weeks.

Caring Conversations

Discuss these thoughts and questions:

- What are some memorable school moments for the graduate and all people present?
- What is something you look forward to within the next year?
- In 10 years, I predict [graduate's name] will be looking forward to...

Devotion

Read the following:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105 (NRSV)

- Where will you be “walking” in the next year?
- What word in this reading jumps out to you when you think of the coming year? Why?

Service

God's love is shown through acts of service. Whether you will live at home or will move away, consider what acts of service you can do with friends and/or family to show God's love to others throughout the next year.

Rituals and Traditions

Invite each person to light a candle. Ask each person to say a short prayer for the graduate by completing one of these, “God, I pray for...” or “God, I am thankful for...” or “God, I hope for...”

Pray together:

God of creation, pour out your Spirit on [graduate's name] as they enter a new period of life and faith. Be with [graduate's name] as they begin new ventures knowing you have blessed them with hope and joy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Conclude by having everyone extend their hands towards the graduate for a blessing.

Say together:

May God be a light unto your path this day and always.