



**DAILY PRAYER GUIDE**  
for Denison University  
**SPRING 2016**

## **2 CORINTHIANS 4 : 6**

For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.



# Introduction



*"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world." - Karl Barth*

*"No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many players and payers, few pray-ers; many singers, few clingers; lots of pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers, but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere." - Andrew Murray*

Brothers and Sisters,

God's invitation for us is to love our neighbors as He loves them. E.M. Bounds writes, "It is only when the whole heart is gripped with passion of prayer that the life-giving fire descends, for none but the earnest man gets access to the ear of God." This guide seeks to aid us as the Body of Christ in Granville to love our neighbors in Granville, particularly the students who live among us.

These devotional prayers were written by students and staff at Denison, along with others who deeply love the Denison community. This booklet serves as a reminder to intercede, to engage, and to care for the generations around us. We invite you to pray with us to see the Kingdom of God come here on earth, in Granville, and at Denison, like it is in heaven. We also invite you to join us in a Prayer Walk on Saturday, May 7, at 10am. We will meet at the Centenary Methodist Church parking lot and prayer walk through various parts of the Denison Campus.

May His love drive us to our knees, as we dare to call on the name of the Lord this week.





Monday,  
May 2, 2016

*"The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray." - Samuel Chadwick*

*"What the Church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men -- men of prayer." - E.M. Bounds*

# DAY ONE

## Protection and Provision

*“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:6-7*

Today, we give thanks for all He has done, will do, and is doing in our lives and world. It is this knowledge of God’s providence that allows us to receive His peace, knowing that He will meet all our needs. We seek Him in thanksgiving, and ask that He helps us set our sight on the peace of Christ. We lift up the Denison students this summer and ask that God would protect them and provide for them out of His abundant mercy.



Tuesday,  
May 3, 2016

*"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of his willingness." - Martin Luther*

*"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." - St. Augustine*

# DAY TWO

## The Wisdom of God

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." - James 1:5*

Today, we want to join together in asking for the wisdom of God on behalf of the current Denison students, students graduating, and students deciding where to go to college. For those graduating, we ask that the Father would guide these young men and women to the exact spots He wants them. That the doors of opportunity would be opened for them. For current students we ask for direction from the Father for each of them; how to spend their time this summer. Finally, for those deciding whether they are going to go to school at Denison, we ask for the wisdom of God to inform their decisions and that He would bring clarity and direction.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." - Proverbs 3:5*



Wednesday,  
May 4, 2016

*“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”*

- Romans 12:4-5



# DAY THREE

## **For believers returning home to reconnect with local home churches**

Today, we pray that believers will return home and be welcomed back by their local churches. We pray that the time away at school has not made students distant from their churches, but rather formed a more secure connection between the two. We pray that Your will be done in congregations everywhere and pray that there will always be a sharing of encouragement among one another as old relationships are refreshed and new relationships are formed.

*“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”*

– 1 Thessalonians 5:11



Thursday,  
May 5, 2016

*"God is at home, it's we who have gone out for a walk."  
- Meister Eckhart*

*"You can have more than one home. You can carry your roots with you, and decide where they grow." - Henning Mankell*

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day. - Psalm 91:1-16*

# DAY FOUR

## Strongholds

Today, we pray for Denison students who are returning to their homes that they may arrive safely and that their homes be full of God's love and peace to soften any tensions and worries that may emerge. May their families and loved ones be blessed and have good health, mentally, physically and spiritually. We pray that the LORD show His presence to the students and their families wherever they go so they may not feel alone. We ask that He show His presence in their hearts so they may know that no matter where they are their home is always in Him.

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” - Joshua 1:9*

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. - Ephesians 6:11*

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. - Psalm 28:7*



Friday,  
May 6, 2016

*"True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length."*

- Charles Spurgeon

**REMINDER:** Prayer Walking tomorrow morning, Saturday, May 7, 10am. Meet at Centennary Methodist Church parking lot.

# DAY FIVE

## Jesus Encounters

*Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ.* - John 17:3a

Lord, today we pray that the students of Denison University would run to You, Jesus, this summer. That they would meet You in other believers, in signs and wonders, in dreams and visions. That they would encounter You, Jesus, in little things and big things. We ask that You walk with them on their road like You did the disciples so long ago on the Emmaus road. May they taste and see the goodness of the Kingdom in Jesus name.



Saturday,  
May 7, 2016

*"The men who have done the most for God in this world have been early on their knees. He who fritters away the early morning, its opportunity and freshness, in other pursuits than seeking God will make poor headway seeking him the rest of the day."*

- E.M. Bounds

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# DAY SIX

## Prayer for the Faculty and Staff

*"He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm." - Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)*

Today we pray for all of the Faculty and Staff of Denison University who interact with the student body in many different ways throughout their college years - by teaching a course, mentoring a student, working alongside a student in an office, assisting students at a special event, or cleaning/maintaining a student's residence hall. Pray that the faculty and staff would seek God's wisdom and discernment as they teach and guide the young minds that are within their circle of influence. Pray for opportunities for them to show the love of Jesus to those who are making foolish choices. Pray for grace, truth and compassion to fill their hearts and minds.



Sunday,  
May 8, 2016

*"We must begin to believe that God, in the mystery of prayer, has entrusted us with a force that can move the Heavenly world, and can bring its power down to earth."*

- Andrew Murray



# DAY SEVEN

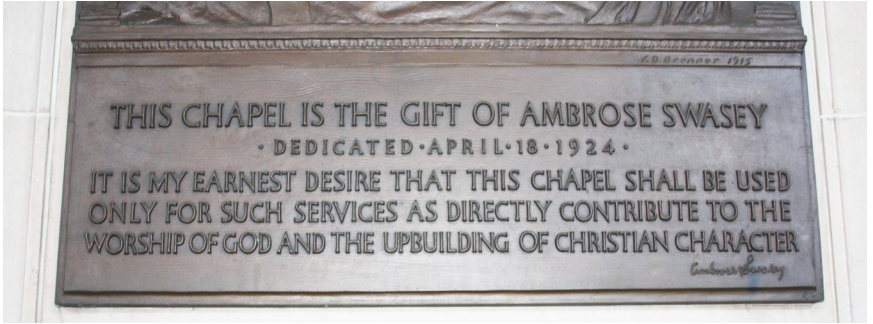
## **Boldness of Believers**

*"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.." - Acts 4: 29-31*

We pray for the believers at Denison University who are returning home this summer. We ask, Lord, that they would see the places they go as harvest fields waiting to be harvested. Give them boldness and confidence to share the reason for their hope with those around them. We thank You, Jesus, for hearing our prayers and giving us the courage to do what You have called us to do.



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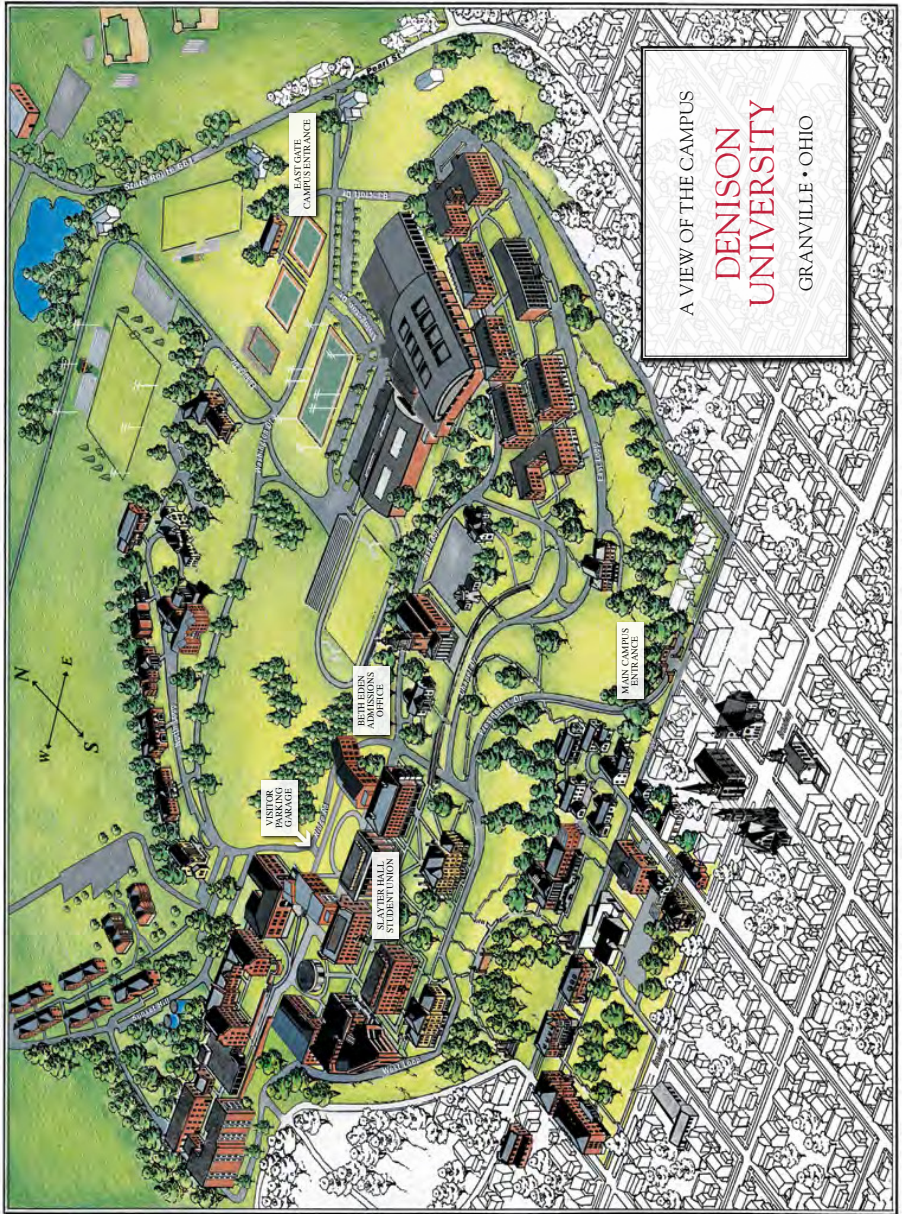
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