BACCALAUREATE PRAYER

O Almighty and Everlasting God and Father of our Lord Jesus Chris Who hast given to man being and sustains him all the days of his mortal life with the good things of this earth, Who hast made Thyself known to us and hast called us to faith by the Gospel unto peace and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, we give Thee thanks for the blessings and the salvation offered in that same Savior; we pray that these blessings may continue among us that many may be won for the Lord Jesus and preserved unto Thine eternal Kingdom; we also give thanks unto Thee for the material and political blessings which we enjoy in our blessed land, the United States, for the gift of education and knowledge which is made available to all, for the good schools and consecrated teachers who instruct within them; we thank Thee that the young ~~children~~ people who soon will graduate today will receive their diplomas, indicating the success completion of another step in their education, have been granted the opportunity to increase their wisdom; we therefore pray Thee for our nation, these United States, our President, the elected Representatives in the national government, the governor of this State Commonwealth, and all our judges and majestrates; we also pray for all of our inhabitants, whether on land, on sea, or in the air that they may be guided by Thy Word, that we may all live quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and honesty; we pray Thee for the teachers of our schools that they may be so guided that by word and deed they may impart to their students such knowledge and

wisdom as shall prepare them for life, that they may in no way lead the young from their faith and their Savior; we pray Thee for all the schools in the nation that they may be nurseries of usefull knowledge and of Christian virtue and bring forth wholesome fruits of life; we also pray Thee for the pupils of this school, particularly the graduates. Give them humble minds that they may gratefully receive knowledge, search for wisdom, and use their talents as consecrated and useful citizens of this nation and community; give them also Thy grace that their knowledge may be a blessing to them, that they may learn to know Thee as the True God and Jesus Christ their Savior, and kept in this faith, may they enter into the eternal bliss of heaven. We ask it in Jesus' Name, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.