

# January

**1** Happy New Year! Thank God for his faithfulness.

**2** Pray for the new year and the new students that will come to Sterling College this year. Pray that they will be open to let God use them.

**3** Pray for the women's basketball as they compete against the Tabor College Bluejays who are coached by an SC graduate. Pray for an injury-free game for both teams.

**4** The resident directors for each individual dorm are daily faced with new and challenging responsibilities. Pray that they may tackle each situation in a godly manner and will continue to be a strong support for the students.

**5** Pray that the monthly faculty welfare meeting goes well today.

**6** Pray for Chef Quintin Eason and his staff as they provide meals for the students throughout the school year.

**7** This is the first day of interterm classes. Please pray for our faculty and students to find focus and strength to begin this new term.

**8** Please pray that our professors will feel valued and appreciated, as well as encouraged spiritually, as they teach our students to be successful in their chosen field.

**9** Thank God for our athletic coaches at Sterling College. Pray that people will let them know how much their time and efforts are appreciated. Affairs Committee.

**10** Praise God for the opportunities Sterling College students have to minister to one another.

**11** Pray that the men's basketball team plays well against Southwestern College tonight.

**12** Ask God to bless the SC community and that we all remember how faithful He is to us.

**13** Interterm is an intense two-and-a-half weeks for students as they pack several credit hours into a short amount of time. Pray that students will have focus and good health as they complete the class they are enrolled in this January.

**14** Pray that our many clubs on campus may be filled with a strong sense of purpose and leadership.

**15** Thank God for SC's Student Government Association and all the work they do throughout the year. These students work hard to build relationships between the administration and students.

**16** Pray for our Service Department as they deal with issues specifically related to maintaining campus during winter weather. Pray that they will remain healthy and strong.

**17** Say a prayer for the resident assistants of Evans and McCreery Halls as they minister to the girls in their halls. Pray that the love of Christ will fill these student leaders.

**18** Thank God for who He is and His unfaltering love.

**19** Please pray and praise God for the community of Sterling as it supports the College in so many ways.

**20** Pray for safety for all the traveling that occurs at the beginning of this year when the roads are often dangerous due to inclement weather.

**21** Pray for the parents of our students—it can be difficult to send a child away from home, so pray that God will give them affirmation that their child's decision to come to Sterling was right.

**22** Today the men's basketball team plays Kansas Wesleyan at home. Pray that many people come to the game and that the team feels supported by the College and community.

**23** Thank God for all of the people who provide our student body with internship opportunities.

**24** Today interterm classes are complete. Pray that over this long weekend students and faculty will be refreshed and ready to start the semester.

**25** Please pray for any people on campus suffering from broken relationships. Pray that God will restore and strengthen friendships that will encourage these people.

**26** Thank God for His many blessings and for all that He has done for us!

**27** The final projects for seniors are in progress. Please pray that our seniors will have focus and confidence in their studies as they finish their time at Sterling.

**28** Today the students begin their spring semester. Pray that their first day goes well and that God gives them an excitement for their classes.

**29** Pray that the new transfer students will find a home-away-from-home here at Sterling and that they will be able to adjust to their new routine.

**30** Pray for God to work on this campus through all the employees as they interact with the students.

**31** Pray for our marketing team as they wisely use our media sources to share the work that God is doing at and through SC.

## February

**1** Today is Admissions' Fine Arts Scholarship Day. Pray the students auditioning will be confident and strong and that those selecting scholarship recipients and amounts will be clear in their decisions.

**2** Please pray that the mission teams will be able to raise enough money to go on their trips.

**3** Praise God for his mercies, new every morning.

**4** Pray that our students are holding each other accountable to the Word of God.

**5** Please pray that the women in McCreery, Evans and Douglas dorms will continue to grow into women of God.

**6** At this time in their lives, many of the students are involved in romantic relationships. Please pray that God will be the center of these relationships and the students will make wise decisions concerning their futures.

**7** Thank God that we can live in a country where we have the freedom to worship Him with little fear of persecution!

**8** Pray that the men of Kilbourn, Campbell, and Douglas Halls will build one another up.

**9** Please pray that our Board of Trustees will continue to make good decisions that are in the best interest of the College.

**10** Please pray for students who have lost family members that they may find comfort and support in the people around them.

**11** Thank God for our part-time campus counselor, Loida Leone, who is a blessing to our students.

**12** Several of the students on our campus have family members overseas doing mission work or in the military. Please pray for God's protection and peace during this time of separation.

**13** Please pray for our students to have positive attitudes about their academics and to have a thirst to learn.

**14** On this Valentine's Day, let us remember to thank God for all the many blessings He has given us, especially the loved ones He has placed in our lives.

**15** Ask God to give students sound judgment to manage their personal finances well and make wise choices as to how to use their spending money.

**16** Today, praise God for His merciful nature, and lift up our students to Him. Pray that they will understand the grace He has for them and their sins.

**17** Many students are looking for summer jobs and internships. Pray that God will open doors for the students to grow this summer, spiritually and mentally.

**18** Pray that Sterling College will be faithful to promoting Christ in every area of the College.

**19** Thank God for all of our financial donors who make it possible for students to afford attending SC.

**20** Ask God to prompt our students to be kind and proactive about encouraging one another and seeking out opportunities to serve the people around them.

**21** Pray for safety and good sportsmanship for our baseball team as they play against Bellevue University in Nebraska.

**22** Pray for soundness of body for the athletes getting ready for the track and field season.

**23** Christian Dashiell '02 is our chaplain at the College. Pray for him as he leads our student body closer to Christ and that he will be given strength and wisdom as he studies God's Word.

**24** Pray that the students and staff of Sterling College will be open to God's calling for their lives every day.

**25** Praise God for the resources that are provided to SC through donations and grants.

**26** The students and faculty will soon be taking midterm exams. Pray for them as they write, study, take, and grade these exams.

**27** Pray for energy for the students involved in the theatre production, "The Glass Menagerie."

**28** Pray for the all faculty meeting to be efficient and effective.

## March

**1** Pray for our softball team as they play against Dakota Wesleyan. Pray for an injury-free game and team cohesiveness as the women are led by their new coach, Josh Musselman.

- 2** Thank God for SC leadership and their passion for the work God is doing at SC.
- 3** Please pray for confidence and clarity for the students applying for graduate school.
- 4** Thank God for the Campus Activity Board. These students work hard to organize campus activities everyone can enjoy.
- 5** Pray for our students involved in the arts as they learn skills to hone their craft.
- 6** Thank God for the Alumni Council as they continue to work with alumni and their participation with the College.
- 7** Please pray that students will be safe and make good choices as they leave for spring break.
- 8** The Great Plains Review editors are busy preparing the literary journal for publishing. Please pray for their busy schedules and efforts to make this a credible publication and that they will be blessed with an abundance of material to use.
- 9** Pray for the students with financial difficulties. Pray that God will give them peace and provide means for them as they continue to attend school.
- 10** Please pray for the various churches our students attend. These churches create stability for the students and help them grow spiritually outside of school.
- 11** Many of the students are struggling with major life decisions. Please pray that God's will and purpose is revealed to them and that they may find comfort knowing that God is with them.
- 12** This is the time when many engaged couples are deep in wedding planning. Please pray for them as they prepare for this new step of life!
- 13** Pray for students to be affirmed in their choice of major. Pray that they will either be given sound guidance about changing majors or full-heartedly pursuing their current choice.
- 14** Give thanks to God for the relationships that exist between students and professors—pray that they will be encouraging and instructive.
- 15** Please pray for our international students as they continue to immerse themselves in our culture. Pray that God will continue to strengthen them in this time of separation from their friends and families and that He will guide them over the next several months.
- 16** Many high school and transfer students are visiting Sterling College and trying to decide if it is the best fit for them; ask God to give them wisdom in their decision. Also pray for our staff to know how to best serve these prospective students.
- 17** Give thanks to God for creating the beauty of the earth, which grows even more apparent as spring approaches.
- 18** Most of the students are in the process of looking for both summer and permanent jobs. Please pray that God would guide them in their decisions and open doors and opportunities for them.
- 19** Thank God for Lisa Parson fs06! As the Director of Career Services, Lisa works diligently to not only assist students in finding internships and jobs, but also with resume writing and skills in interviewing and networking.
- 20** Please pray for spiritual renewal on our campus.
- 21** Pray for the various Bible studies the students lead. Please pray that God will bless them and work through the various leaders to challenge and encourage the student body.
- 22** Tonight is spring formal. Pray that the students have a good time and make wise choices.
- 23** Pray for the debate and forensics team as they strive for excellence in a way that honors and glorifies God.
- 24** Please pray for the music department that the Lord will use their talents to minister to others.
- 25** Pray that our veterans and their families will feel appreciated for their courage while serving our country.
- 26** Pray for those involved with interviewing and selecting new faculty to come teach at SC.
- 27** Let us remember the love Christ showed us by dying on the cross for our sins.
- 28** Pray for our business office as they manage the incoming and outgoing funds that maintain our campus.
- 29** Praise God for never leaving us nor forsaking us.
- 30** Pray that students are focused in the classroom and that if needed, they are willing to seek additional assistance from faculty or academic support, sooner rather than later.
- 31** Please pray for our state's and nation's governments as they make decisions that specifically affect higher education.