

October

- 1** As education students go through clinical teaching interviews, pray for confidence and calm nerves.
- 2** While the Faculty Welfare and Fiscal Affairs committees meet, pray for wisdom of leaders.
- 3** Pray for success in the first day of the Composer Festival, arranged by the music department and admissions office.
- 4** Praise God for the Holy Spirit moving in the hearts of those on campus.
- 5** Athletic competitions are taking place, both on campus and away. Pray for strength and endurance for our athletes.
- 6** Praise God for sustaining students and faculty through another round of midterms.
- 7** Give students peace as they await the posting of their midterm grades.
- 8** Lift up Tina Wohler, vice president of student life, and the resident directors as they continue to provide thoughtful programming for the students living on campus.
- 9** We ask that you pray for wisdom for those involved in the decisions made by the Academic Affairs Committee.
- 10** Pray for travel mercies for those traveling over fall breather.
- 11** Refreshment can be found through spending time with the Lord; pray that the campus community will utilize the fall breather to that end.
- 12** Pray that students' Fall Breather is full of fruitful fellowship.
- 13** Ask that the Lord would bring to mind any details needing attention in regard to Homecoming so the week of festivities will be enjoyable for all.
- 14** As you think of Homecoming, pray for those without homes due to natural disasters or dysfunction.
- 15** While students enjoy daily activities leading up to Homecoming, give them focus and concentration in the classroom.
- 16** Give thanks for our Board of Trustees and pray for Heather McCreery '90, chair of the board, as she leads them in decisions.
- 17** South Pacific's first showing occurs tonight; ask that the Lord provide energy for a memorable performance.
- 18** Praise God for our twelfth president, Scott Rich, who is inaugurated today.
- 19** As you reminisce during Homecoming activities, pray that God will move in the hearts and lives of current students as He did during your time at SC.
- 20** Praise God for the opportunity to reunite with old classmates during the weekend and ask that all make it safely home.
- 21** Pray for Kendra Schaffner '16, student government association executive secretary, and Amy Thompson '92, director of alumni and parent relations, as they evaluate Homecoming and seek to make improvements wherever necessary.
- 22** As assistant professors Hanna Kozlowski-Slone and Daniel Swartz continue to provide guidance for their art students, may God also grant them time to hone their own craft.
- 23** Give students the wisdom to plan their schedule well, so that they may finish their academic pursuits in a timely manner.
- 24** Praise God for the joy of serving Him in a variety of ways.
- 25** Pray that our campus community dives into Scripture to learn Truth.
- 26** Thank God for our housekeeping staff that helps us keep our campus clean and our bodies healthy.
- 27** Pray that the Holy Spirit uses this evening's chapel service to touch hearts and change lives.
- 28** Pray for Terri Gaeddert, Frank Leone, Debra Millikan, Spencer Wagley, Gidget Dinkel and Nancy Hicks of the education department as they instruct students with the "hows" and "whys" of teaching.
- 29** Praise God for the strength of body and mind for our coaches as they lead our student athletes.
- 30** Our student life staff lives with the students, eats with the students, and shares joys, fears, and losses with our students. Pray for their own spirits to be daily renewed as they share their lives and God's grace and love with our students.
- 31** Pray that Dr. Felicia Squires, Gentry Sutton, and Dr. Mark Watney of the language and literature department can make the English language come alive for students.

November

- 1** Pray that our campus sees the Legacy that they are a part of as they attend SC's annual Heritage Convocation this morning.
- 2** Thank the Lord for those willing to extend hospitality to the students on the Highland Singers tour.
- 3** Pray for assistant professors Doug Boardman and Dr. Daniel Julich of the history and government department as they help students understand why studying history is important.
- 4** We have several new faculty this semester, and we ask that you pray for them and their families as they continue to adjust to life in Sterling and at Sterling College.
- 5** Pray for our seniors as they are wrapping up their undergraduate degrees and preparing for continued education, internships and jobs.
- 6** Thank God for our local police and emergency departments who help keep our community safe and healthy.
- 7** Pray that our students have open minds to learn both in and out of the classroom.
- 8** Pray for our students from warm climates as they acclimate to our coming winter.
- 9** Our ministry teams are providing worship for various churches and youth groups in the area. Pray for whole-hearted worship and safety as they travel.
- 10** Many of our alumni are struggling with health conditions. Pray that they find hope and healing.

- 11** Give thanks for those who have fought fearlessly for our freedom.
- 12** Praise God for Dr. Curt Beechan, Dr. Jonathan Conard, Dr. Wai-Foong Hong and Dr. Randal Newhouse of the natural sciences department, who share their past and current research with their students as they teach.
- 13** As fall athletes finish their season, pray that God will give them strength to also conclude their academic semester well.
- 14** Our faculty and students are eager for the pending Thanksgiving break. Pray for focus inside the classroom.
- 15** Pray for the families of our students who are supporting their SC student in various ways.
- 16** Pray for the football game and all involved as the Warriors play at Kansas Wesleyan in Salina this afternoon.
- 17** The majority of our students receive financial aid. Thank God for all of the donors that provide those scholarship funds.
- 18** Thank God for the many area businesses that provide employment for our students as they work to help pay their way through school.
- 19** Praise God for the dedicated work of the Chartwell's catering staff as they work to serve our students delicious and nutritious meals.
- 20** Praise God for the creativity that abounds and is nurtured on campus.
- 21** Thank God for all the area churches who support the spiritual needs of our community.

- 22** Pray for safe travels over the Thanksgiving holiday.
- 23** Pray for Dr. Raymond Anderson, Aaron Kennedy, Ken Troyer and Matthew Winning of the communication and theatre arts department as they share their creativity with their students.
- 24** Thank God for the internships that teach and stretch our students in their field of study.
- 25** Many of our students have local foster families that welcome them into their lives. Pray that these relationships are healthy and uplifting.
- 26** Pray for all members of our faculty, that they would not feel overwhelmed and would continue to serve their students with passion.
- 27** Pray for the students unable to go home for the holiday as they are away from their families.
- 28** Give thanks for the many blessings the Lord has poured out on SC and in your own life.
- 29** Praise God for all those impacted by the campus mission trips that occurred this past summer. May the Lord continue to impact hearts.
- 30** Pray that we are all reminded to love each other as God loves us.

December

- 1** Today is World AIDS Day. Pray for those struggling with this disease and those working with them.
- 2** This is the last week of classes. Pray for the faculty as they adeptly incorporate everything they desire to teach their students this semester.

3 Pray that assistant professors Irene Barkman, Timothy Thorpe, Dr. T. H. Kwa and Dr. Dale Levering of the business department will clearly impart ethical and moral business practices to their students.

4 Pray for the advancement staff as they work diligently with year-end giving, which is always a great blessing to the College.

5 Praise God for the lives of those who are impacting today's world in the name of Jesus.

6 Thank God for the work of Brooke Sutton, Laurel Watney, Pattie Nix and the student workers as they maintain the shelves of Mabee Library.

7 As we remember Pearl Harbor, pray for those currently serving in the military around the world.

8 Thank God for the love of those who support the mission of SC: to develop creative and thoughtful leaders who understand a maturing Christian faith.

9 Pray that students may have clarity of mind as they begin their final exams.

10 Ask the Lord to bless the faculty of the exercise science and athletic training department, K.C. Bassett, Erin Laudermilk, Pete Manely, Hans Nickel and Mary Ver Steeg - as they teach students safe and healthy living habits.

11 Thank God for all the ways He shows Himself through His Word and creation.

12 Pray for safe travels as students head home for the winter break.

13 Praise God for the encouragement that Dr. Laura Bateman, Mark Clark, and Dr. Brad Nix of the music department offer not only to the students in their discipline, but to those across campus.

14 Thank God for our students who are willing to stretch themselves and try new experiences.

15 Pray for our employees that are pursuing further education.

16 Lord, give the professors endurance to finish all of the grading for the semester.

17 Thank God for the mentorship that our seasoned faculty provide for our newer faculty.

18 Pray that people will choose to support God's work at SC with financial gifts as this calendar year ends.

19 Pray that Dr. David Briones, Tom Bronleewe, and Jeff Darnauer of the Theology and Ministry department will find opportunities to process how the Holy Spirit directly moved in their classrooms as they shared God's Word with students, some of whom were hearing it for the first time.

20 Joy to the World! Pray that our students that don't know Jesus can come to the joy only known in Jesus.

21 Thank God for Connie Carey, RN, our campus nurse who helps keep our students healthy and provides a first defense against illness.

22 Pray that our students learn good financial stewardship as they prepare for life after Sterling College.

23 Pray for safe travels for faculty and staff as the campus is closed until the start of the New Year.

24 Pray that the commercialism of the holiday season does not overcome us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior with our families and friends.

25 Thank God for sending His only son to be born of humble beginnings that would reconcile us to Himself.

26 Although this is a season of celebration for most, some families are grieving; pray that those who mourn would be comforted.

27 Thank God for parents who are willing to trust those at the College to shape the minds and lives of their children.

28 Pray for students who are considering transferring to another college. Pray that the Lord will guide them to the wisest decision.

29 Pray that the conversations over the holiday are encouraging, uplifting and affirming.

30 Pray that this holiday break will be renewing for all who are home with family and friends.

31 Preparing to bring in the New Year, take a moment to reflect on the blessings the Lord poured out in 2013.