

January

- 1** Happy New Year! Thank God for this brand new year He has given us.
- 2** Thank God that we have a wonderful support system in people like you to hold up our campus in prayer.
- 3** Pray for the women's basketball team as they play Friends University today.
- 4** The RD's of each individual dorm are faced everyday 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** Please pray for Tabor College and McPherson College as they continue to heal from the deaths and arrest of their current and former students last semester.
- 6** Pray that we will be open to God's will and calling in each of our lives on a day-to-day basis.
- 7** Pray for Chef Quintin Eason and his staff as they provide meals for the students throughout the school year.
- 8** 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.
- 9** Please pray that our professors will feel valued and appreciated, as well as encouraged spiritually, as they teach our students to be successful in the career world.
- 10** Pray that the students and faculty recognize the spiritual warfare on campus for what it is. Pray that they will be reminded that Christ has defeated all evil at the Cross.

11 Pray for the administration at Sterling College, particularly as the College decides who best to lead us as president.

12 Interterm is an intense two and a half weeks for the students as they pack several credit hours into a short amount of time. Pray for strength that they may get through the class they are enrolled in this January.

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

14 Teri Anderson is the school's counselor and helps the students with difficult situations and decisions. Please pray that God will continue to give her wisdom and discernment in dealing with these cases.

15 Say a prayer for those battling illness—from serious disease to winter colds, the people of our College could use some healing!

16 Please pray for our new graduates as they continue to look for jobs and adjust to life outside of school.

17 Pray for our many clubs on campus, that they may be filled with a strong sense of purpose and leadership.

18 Pray for the health and safety of all the athletes and that they may be a witness to the teams and students they encounter throughout the seasons.

19 Tell God thank you for SGA. This organization comprised of students puts in many hours to build a relationship and understanding between the administration and the students.

20 Ask God for fruitfulness and happiness in the lives of all the Sterling College Alumni.

21 Pray for those involved in SC Theatre as they begin rehearsals for the new production of *Medea*.

22 Please pray for any people of our College suffering from broken relationships. Pray that God will restore and strengthen friendships that will encourage these people.

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

24 Pray for the men's basketball team as they play Ottawa University. May these athletes be godly examples to those they compete against.

25 Say a prayer of thanks for the dorm chaplains who serve our students spiritually.

26 Please pray for the community of Sterling as it supports the College in so many ways.

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

28 Pray for all of the new transfer student's that they will find a home-away-from-home here at Sterling and that they will be able to adjust to the new routine.

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

30 Many students are away from home. Please pray students are guarded against homesickness and that they will find peace away from their families.

31 Ask God for kindness for our students and that they will be proactive about encouraging one another and seeking out people around them who need to be served.

February

1 The Music Department's Cabaret is taking place this weekend! Please pray for the performers and faculty involved in this project to glorify God through their talents.

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

3 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.

4 Thank God that we can live in a country where we have the freedom to worship Him without fear of persecution!

5 Please pray that the women in McCreery, Evans and Douglas dorms will continue to grow into women of God and may become inspirations to those around them.

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

7 Please pray for our Board of Trustees as they meet to discuss the future of our school.

8 Thank God for the maintenance staff and all that they do for our College.

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

10 Thank God for all of the many blessings He has given us each and every day!

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

12 Praise God for His glory and love for us!

13 Pray we remember the great love God has for us!

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 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.

16 Many students are looking for a summer job. Pray that God gives them opportunities to apply, interview and land a job for the summer!

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

18 Thank God for the praise bands our school has been blessed with and the wonderful talents they use at each Sunday and Wednesday chapel!

19 Continue to pray for the Froese family as Arn assists Carol in her continued healing after a stroke last August.

20 Pray for the KCAC tournaments happening over the next several days. May our athletes represent our school with pride and do their best as they play.

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

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

24 Pray for the men of Campbell, Kilbourn, and Douglas dorms that they will grow in the strength of the Lord and become responsible, Christian leaders to the people around them.

25 Please pray for the students to be encouraged in their studies.

26 The students will soon be experiencing midterm exams in their classes. Pray for them as they study and take these exams.

27 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.

28 Please pray for our nation's government and President Obama as he continues to lead our nation.

March

- 1** Thank God for our maintenance staff that is working hard to beautify our campus this spring!
- 2** Pray for wisdom for the students. College is a time of growth and independence; pray that God will give them confidence in their adult identity and goals.
- 3** Please pray for the various churches our students attend. These churches are a huge stability for the students and help them grow spiritually outside of school.
- 4** 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 are blessed with an abundance of material to use.
- 5** Please pray for the seniors who are applying for graduate school, that God's plan will be revealed to them.
- 6** Pray for the students with financial difficulties, that God will provide means for them as they continue to attend school.
- 7** This is the first day of the choir tour. Pray for safety and health for the students, and that they may positively impact the people they meet.
- 8** Tell God how grateful you are for the existence of Sterling College and its people. It is truly a God-blessed institution and He should be thanked for the blessings He has given it.
- 9** Please pray for safety and protection for the students traveling over spring break.
- 10** 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.

- 11** Pray for affirmation in the students' decisions on what major to pursue—that they will be given sound guidance as to whether to change majors or full-heartedly continue pursuing theirs.
- 12** 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.
- 13** 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!
- 14** Many students are visiting Sterling College trying to decide if it is the best fit for them. Ask God to give them wisdom in their decision, and our staff the ability to best serve these prospective students.
- 15** Give thanks to God for the relationships that exist between students and professors—pray that they will be encouraging and instructive.
- 16** Praise God for His love and faithfulness to His people.
- 17** Pray for the students as they prepare to take spring semester midterms, that they may be given the motivation to study hard and the clarity of mind to do their best in these exams.
- 18** Thank God for the Campus Activities Board. These students spend a lot of time organizing fun events for the student body to enjoy!
- 19** Give thanks to God for creating the beauty of the earth, which grows even more apparent as spring approaches!
- 20** 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.

- 21** The mission teams are focusing this semester on bonding and seeking God's will. Pray that He works through them in the next several months as they prepare to carry His word to various countries this summer.
- 22** Please pray for spiritual renewal on campus.
- 23** 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.
- 24** Please pray for the choir as they perform their home concert tonight and that the audience may be blessed by their music.
- 25** Pray for the debate and forensics team, that God makes it apparent to them that their dedication has been worth it while competing in tournaments.
- 26** Thank God for the Alumni Council as they continue to work with alumni and their participation with the College.
- 27** Pray for our veterans and their families that they feel appreciated for their courage while serving our country.
- 28** This time of year, students often begin to lose motivation. Pray for endurance and motivation to finish this school year strong!
- 29** On this Good Friday, let us thank God for His demonstration of love in sacrificing His Son for us.
- 30** Let us remember the love Christ showed us by dying on the cross for our sins.
- 31** Happy Easter! He is Risen! Remember to praise God for whom He is and recognize His amazing works!