



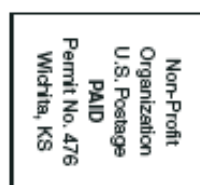
STERLING COLLEGE

# PRAYER WARRIOR

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## OCTOBER

- 1** Praise God for the returning and new students He has entrusted us with this fall. Pray that they can all get acclimated to life in Sterling and at Sterling College quickly and seamlessly.
- 2** Lift up Dr. Ken Brown, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, as he gets settled in to his role at Sterling College.
- 3** Lift up a prayer of thanksgiving for the local community of Sterling College who support the College and her mission in countless ways.
- 4** Pray that students would find a church home where they can be challenged, encouraged, and most importantly, where they can serve and be around like-minded, Godly individuals.
- 5** As Homecoming approaches, ask that the Lord would bring to mind all of the details that need attention for those individuals involved in planning the events and activities.
- 6** We are thankful for the student leaders we have on the Sterling College campus and pray God will continue to foster their leadership abilities and provide opportunities for growth and development.
- 7** Lift up Justin Morris, Brandon Ponchak, and the men's and women's soccer teams as they travel to Salina today to play against Kansas Wesleyan University.
- 8** Students and faculty begin Fall Breather today. Pray God will fill them with His restoring peace and strength as they take a break from a busy semester.
- 9** Thank God for our area foster families who welcome students into their home and family as their own during the school year.
- 10** Pray for a great time of fellowship as alumni and friends gather together at the home of Scott Carter '88 and Heather McCreery '90 for Warriors in the Woods today.
- 11** Thank God for Connie Carey, campus nurse, who helps keep our students healthy and provides a first-defense against illness across campus.
- 12** Pray for our admissions counselors, Roy Abousamra, Leah Alford, Kaylee Beutler, Matt James and Carrie McGlynn, as they continue to bring prospective students to campus.
- 13** Lift up our cross-country team as they prepare for the Fort Hays State Invitation in Hays tomorrow.
- 14** Lift up our Lady Warrior Volleyball team as they travel to Tabor College today.
- 15** Pray for Gary Kempf as he leads our Athletic Department. Pray for wisdom and strength as he navigates leading coaches, staff and athletes.
- 16** Praise God for bringing Brad Evenson, director of marketing and communications, to Sterling College. Pray that God will grant him peace and direction as he seeks innovative ways to expand our marketing communication endeavors.
- 17** The Department of Music has many new faces this year. Pray for returning assistant professor Mark Clark and his new colleagues, Marissa (Giorgetti) Callan '05 and Dr. Richard Nichols, as they continue to build the music program.
- 18** Lift up Tina Wohler, vice president for student life, and the resident directors, Eddie Adesodun, Renard Ballard, Jon Earle, Aundraya Garcia, Hannah Lambert and John Summit, as they continue to provide thoughtful programming for the students living on campus.
- 19** Lift up Dr. Brian Mills, associate professor of psychology, as he begins a Celebrate Recovery Group for college-aged men on campus. Pray that it will be a fruitful endeavor in providing support and encouragement to these young men.
- 20** Pray a special blessing over the class reunions occurring during Homecoming Weekend.
- 21** Homecoming kicks off tomorrow. Pray for travel mercies as friends and family travel back to Sterling.
- 22** Give praise to God for the special group of leading donors who gather on campus tonight with current and former board members for the Cooper Society & Scholarship Donor Dinner.
- 23** Praise God for the opportunity to host an event specially tailored to Sterling College legacy students. Pray that alumni families with children would consider Sterling College as an option for their child's higher education.
- 24** Today we are thankful for all the families and friends that are able to join us on campus for Homecoming Weekend.
- 25** Thank God for Terry Ehresman, director of career services and first year programs, for his commitment and service to students at Sterling College. Pray for him as he seeks ways to connect with students and show them the importance of career planning after college.
- 26** Pray a hedge of protection around Steve Caywood, John Dellinger, Vickie Kirchoff, Arlen Nuest, Rick Winters and Del Wyman as they work on various projects around campus.
- 27** Pray for Beth Doerksen, Joel Fowler, Missy Jackson and Jake Spleiss, resident assistants in Douglas X and Y dorms, as they seek to build deeper relationships with their peers.
- 28** Pray for today's chapel service. Lift up our speaker, Chaplain Christian Dashiell, and pray that students and employees alike will have receptive hearts and minds as they hear God's Word.
- 29** Praise God for the creativity that abounds and is nurtured on the Sterling College campus.
- 30** Today, Nancy Ortberg, author and motivational speaker, speaks to Sterling College students, employees and community members as the guest speaker for the Freeman Lecture Series. Pray that she will inspire our students to step out in faith and learn to become better servant leaders.
- 31** Thank God for the mentorship our faculty provide to one another and newcomers. We are thankful for their leadership and service at Sterling College.

# NOVEMBER

- 1** Pray for travel mercies for Scott Rich, Scott Carter, Marvin Dewey, Sheila Bird and Luke Cureton as they visit new and prospective donors who provide critical financial resources for the College's quality and growth.
- 2** Pray for Jessica Boor, cheer coach, and our cheer team as they practice their competitive routine for competition in December at Kansas Wesleyan University.
- 3** Thank God for bringing David Landis '88, vice president for administration and institutional initiatives, to Sterling College.
- 4** Pray for our seniors who are finishing up their last semester at Sterling College. Pray that God will prepare their hearts for their next journey.
- 5** Pray for Teryn Irvin, Luke Cureton and alumni volunteers helping plan our first alumni mission trip to Panama City.
- 6** Lift up Jennifer Calderwood, Michaela Moore, Jenna Pierce and Nicole Stockton, resident assistants of Evans Hall. Praise God for their leadership and commitment to serving others in their dorm in a variety of ways.
- 7** I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, ESV. Lift up your praises to Him for all that He has done and all that He continues to do for you, your family and Sterling College.
- 8** Lift up our admissions staff, Dennis Dutton, Marge Jones, Kacie Hastings, and Mackenzie McGuire, as they host a Preview Weekend over the next two days.
- 9** Praise God for our Chartwells staff who tirelessly lead by serving the Sterling College campus.
- 10** Praise God for the resident assistants of Kilbourn Hall, Joseph Douglas, Josh Hood, Zach McGuire, Josiah Ray, Kendall Smith and Cedrick Somsack-Phillips. Pray that God will equip each of them with the tools they need to serve the men in their dorm.
- 11** Pray for Julie Jaderston, assistant to the chaplain, as she leads a Depression Support Group for college-aged women. Pray that God will use Julie to reach these women who are silently struggling and bring them to a place where they feel encouraged and supported.
- 12** Praise God for Dr. Mark Tremaine and for his vision for the criminal justice program at Sterling College. Today, they host a Federalism Debate featuring Steve McAllister from University of Kansas Law School and Bill Rich from Washburn Law School. Pray that this would be a positive educational experience for our students and community.
- 13** Pray for Brett Callan, Ashlee Cole, Garrett Looney and Will Teufel, staff of Sterling College Online, as they operate a unique and growing branch of Sterling College education.
- 14** Pray for our Warrior football team and coaches as they face off against Southwestern College today.
- 15** Praise God for the weekend to spend with family and friends.

- 16** Pray for assistant professors David Stenulson and Daniel Swartz as they work with a growing art and design program. Pray for wisdom as they encourage young artists to develop their artistic skills for the glory of God.
- 17** Thank God for our housekeeping staff, Pam Bradford, Song Kirk, Jennifer Tedder, B.J. Smith and Lynn Valentine, who work diligently to keep our campus clean and safe.
- 18** Faculty Council meets today. Pray for Dr. Ken Brown, vice president for academic affairs, and the council members as they assess and plan for growth and improved quality of our academic programs.
- 19** Pray for Ken Troyer and the debate and forensics teams as they travel to various locations around the country and represent Sterling College. Thank God for the leadership Ken provides and the success his program has experienced.
- 20** Thanksgiving break begins today. Pray for the students who are unable to return home for the holiday but are able to rest and celebrate with friends nearby.
- 21** Pray for our student workers and the important role they play on campus. May God give them energy to perform their tasks as they contribute to Sterling College.
- 22** Lift up praise for the amazing, faithful leaders who have gone before us at Sterling College to create a strong heritage by teaching, leading, serving and giving.
- 23** "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ," Philippians 1:9-10, ESV. Pray that God would change our focus to Him and towards loving others as He loves us.
- 24** Pray for faculty members Aaron Kennedy, Samantha Kennedy, Ken Troyer and Gorman Woodfin of the Department of Communications, Media and Theatre Arts.
- 25** Pray for the volunteers and community leaders preparing for tomorrow's community Thanksgiving dinner in Sterling.
- 26** Praise God for biological, extended and adoptive families. Let this Thanksgiving Day be a time of fellowship, reflection, joy and celebration for all of the things God has done in our lives.
- 27** Pray for families as they plan and prepare for the Christmas season.
- 28** Thank God for those who volunteer at Sterling College. They perform many important functions that aide our daily operations. May God bless them abundantly.
- 29** Today is the first day of Advent. Pray for the Sterling College community as we read through our Advent devotionals together and prepare our hearts for celebrating the Christ Child.
- 30** As students and faculty return to campus for their last few weeks of the semester, pray for safe travels and focused minds.

# DECEMBER

- 1** Today we are grateful that we can be a discernibly different, Christ-centered Christian college. Praise God for His provision and protection over Sterling College.
- 2** Pray that God blesses Chaplin Christian Dashiell and the vital ministry he provides for Sterling College.
- 3** Praise God for our local police and emergency departments who help keep our campus and community safe and healthy.
- 4** Today the theatre production Far Away opens. Lift up all of those students involved in the production as well as Aaron and Samantha Kennedy, theatre arts professors.
- 5** Lift up the resident assistants of Campbell Hall, Micah Black, Josh Hoover, Brandon Peterson, Justin Pitschmann and Dayton Winter, as they get more and more comfortable in their leadership roles as RAs.
- 6** Tomorrow marks the beginning of finals week. Pray that students will experience the Holy Spirit at chapel this evening as He prepares their hearts and minds for this busy week.
- 7** Praise God for Lance O'Donnell and Mykeal Pitts. Pray that God will grant them wisdom and clarity of mind as they seek innovative ways to better serve campus through technology.
- 8** Pray for Hannah Lambert, resident director of McCreery Hall, and her resident assistants, Cassidy Eisenmann, Joy Henderson, Amanda Hood, Rebecca Knauss, Rachel Padro and Maria Perrett, as they seek ways to connect and respond to the needs of their peers in the dorm.
- 9** Pray for Scott Carter and other SC advancement team members as they travel to the northeast to host alumni dinners in Boston, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. Pray that God will use this opportunity to connect with alumni and friends in the area.
- 10** Christmas break officially begins today. Pray for students as they journey back home or to a friend's house.
- 11** Praise God for blessing Sterling College with our education department and their commitment to training a new class of Godly teachers each year. Thank God for the faculty in this department – Gidget Dinkel, Dr. Terri Gaeddert, Frank Leone, Dr. Spencer Wagley and Rachel Wannamaker.
- 12** Ask God to provide peace and clarity of mind as our new employees and their families get settled in to life in Sterling.
- 13** Thank God for rest. Praise Him for His wisdom that counsels us to rest, and may we all find rest today.
- 14** Pray for our faculty and staff who are working diligently to get final grades posted for the semester.
- 15** Praise God for all of the ways He reveals Himself to us. Pray that we would be sensitive to His voice in those small but powerful moments.
- 16** Praise God for the many area businesses that provide employment to Sterling College students and graduates.

- 17** Pray for the Department of Business: Irene Barkman, Dr. Jeff Bruns, Dr. T.H. Kwa and Tim Thorpe. Ask God to lead them as they teach the future business leaders and instill values of servant leadership.
- 18** Pray that God would prepare hearts to be gracious stewards and generous with His blessings as we enter this time of year-end giving.
- 19** Pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces during this Christmas season. Ask God to comfort the families who are separated this year.
- 20** Praise God for a chance to gather in His presence as we worship in church today. May we not take for granted the ability we have to publicly celebrate Jesus Christ.
- 21** Whether suffering through recent tragedy or remembering loved ones, pray that God will comfort His people during this difficult time.
- 22** Pray for the staff members at Sterling College as they wrap up their final day of work before Christmas Break.
- 23** Campus is closed and we are blessed for an extended time of rest and renewal. Pray for those whose jobs do not always allow for such luxuries, including our emergency personnel.
- 24** Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. Remember them as we freely celebrate the Christmas season, and pray that God would grant them strength, perseverance and protection.
- 25** "And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11, ESV. Merry Christmas!
- 26** Pray that we will carry out this season's themes of hope, peace, joy and love throughout the New Year.
- 27** Thank God for His faithfulness and provision over Sterling College, its leaders, students, alumni and supporters. May He continue to instill a heart of giving among alumni and friends of the College.
- 28** Pray for the remainder of the Christmas Break that students, faculty and staff would cherish time spent with family and friends.
- 29** Praise God for the opportunity the Sterling College Alumni Association has to launch an Alumni Mission Trip Program in 2016. Pray for God's peace and direction as they explore ways in which they can extend opportunities to alumni and friends to serve in missions both in and out of the country.
- 30** Praise God for the blessings he has given you in 2015. Take time to reflect and express your gratitude for the gifts and mercies he has extended to you.
- 31** Pray that we will continue to put God first in all that we do the upcoming year.

2015-16 Verse of the Year: **"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."** Romans 12:2, ESV