

Prayer for Department Meetings:

Opening Prayer (Leader):

Into your spacious heart and loving hands, dear God, we place our fears, our “what ifs,” our spinning world and minds.

Comfort us with the truth no fear is too big for the Great One, who is always with us. We are never alone.

Calming God, bring courage.

Tender Spirit, breathe peace.

Gentle Jesus, be close.

Amen.

Especially today we pray for.... (Assign each dept member a prompt. Each person prays in their own way for the item listed.)

1. For each of us as we adapt our teaching to the challenges of the day (NAME)
2. For students who feel lonely (NAME)
3. For our IT staff who are doing so much to keep education going (NAME)
4. For the COVID Response Team (NAME)
5. For our campus to be welcoming to students, staff and faculty from all races (NAME)
6. For enrollment to increase (NAME)
7. For a semester filled with good surprises (NAME)
8. For the protection of our community from illness, injury, and death (NAME)
9. For President Le Roy and the cabinet as they seek wisdom from God (NAME)
10. For each student to find their place in this community (NAME)
11. For those in our community who have been laid off (NAME)
12. For those who have particular needs around health (NAME)
13. For those in struggling marriages (NAME)
14. For those who find that sadness, depression, boredom, or hopelessness are becoming more present in their days (NAME)
15. For those who have children at home (NAME)
16. For those of us in leadership (NAME)
17. For other needs that the Holy Spirit brings to mind (Dept Chair)

Closing Prayer (Leader):

God of presence and strength,

Help us feel you here with us when we are anxious and afraid,
when the future feels unwieldy and uncertain.

We know nothing is unknown to you, O God,

and we know you are our rock and our comfort in times of trouble.

Give us wisdom and courage to make changes that will help things get better. Amen.

Prayers from coloring sheets found at:

<https://illustratedmin.s3.amazonaws.com/freebies/WhenYouFeelAnxious.pdf>