

“HOLD MY CHILD IN YOUR SAFE ARMS”

**PRAYERS FROM FAMILY MEMBERS
FOR THE CLASS OF 2023
Samford University
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As we welcomed entering freshmen and their families for orientation at Samford throughout the past summer, an important element of the program was a worship service for parents, held in Reid Chapel. During the worship hour, parents and other family members were invited to complete prayer cards. Here are the prayers from family members for the Samford Class of 2023, with names and many other personal details removed. The prayers are a reminder to those of us who are Samford employees of our sacred calling in the stewardship of the lives entrusted to us.

Lord, help me accept the fact that I’ve done everything I can to prepare my daughter for this new chapter in her life. Lord, keep your protection over her in the way that only you can do.

Father, thank you for the gift of our son into our lives. It is my dearest hope for him to hold fast to you and your truth. Oh Lord, keep him close and empower him to live a life of glory to you and your kingdom. Unto you, I release him and trust your love and power.

Lord, I ask that you grow our daughter exponentially during her time at Samford. Give her a servant’s heart; let her give herself wholly to you. Father, I ask that you would give me joy and not fear and sadness, letting her go. Help me to find my own place in you, independent of my children. Bless this school greatly and help it to keep you and your will forever in the forefront.

Lord, I submit my daughter to you. I know you love her and that you are with her and go before her. You have given her everything she needs for life and godliness—including adapting and succeeding at Samford. Thank you for your leadership in her life up to this point. Bless her, Lord. Lead her, guide her and grant her favor with you, her peers, and her faculty. Help her to stay exactly in step with you; protect her from any missteps. You are worthy of all blessing, honor, praise and glory. Thank you for the privilege of being her parents. May you continue to glorify yourself in her and through her.

I pray that you open our daughter’s eyes to all the wonders of your world. Encourage her to continue to seek you and grow in her faith. Strengthen her and open her eyes to all that she can become through your love and strength.

Lord, I pray that you keep our daughter safe. Give her the strength and focus she will need as she attends Samford. May you bless her and others as they go on this journey of the next few years.

God, please be with our daughter as she starts here at Samford. Protect her from harm. Help her find friends who will be great influences and will stand by her. Help her to succeed in everything she wants to do. We know you will provide for us and we need you to help us trust you. Help us to make our future decisions. Help us make the right decisions.

I pray the next four years will be a time of experiencing the depth of the love of Christ for our son. I pray he will experience true belonging here, not just fitting in. And I pray he will be used as an instrument of love and grace to others.

Lord, help me let go and trust you to be in control. I can't comprehend how much you love our daughter. Help me to remember that when my heart is breaking. I love you, Lord.

Lord, please guide, direct and bless our daughter as she attends Samford. Thank you, Lord, for sparing our son from the worst effects of his accident. Please work out every detail with our daughter's school for the fall. Please draw her to you and remove every obstacle. I trust you.

God, please continue to guide our daughter in your will for her life. Please protect her from Satan and protect her from Satan's schemes and in those areas of her life where he would like to see her fall. Help her to believe in herself and have confidence in her abilities. Do not let her fear the unknown or the hard work that college requires. Thank you for her life. We love her so much.

Thank you, Lord, for your provision and protection for our son. Thank you for placing your angels strategically for him. His accident could have had tragic results, but we see your hand of protection everywhere. Thank you, Lord, for your abundant love for your children.

My prayer is that my daughter is compatible with her roommate and that she's her best self in this environment.

Take my boy and watch over him. Bring him closer to you, Lord. I pray for safety, wisdom and discernment. Give him good friends! Thank you, Lord, for Samford faculty and staff.

Dear Lord, I pray for my sister as she goes to college. I pray that she will make good choices and trust you. I pray that she will not forget you or her family. I hope she makes lifelong friends and has fun.

Lord, help me to allow you to be the one who cares for our son. Help me to entrust him to you. I ask you to help him find a group of young men and women who love you and to do life with them. Help him to manage his physical challenges. May you hold him in your hands—every detail of his life.

I pray that I would trust the Lord with my daughter's major and ability to get the classes she needs. I pray that I would trust his plan and timing. I pray that I would see the fine line between my responsibility and God's will.

My prayer is that my son's relationship with the Lord will grow and deepen while he is at Samford and that he will rely on God and seek his guidance and spend time with him consistently.

Lord, please bring me peace so I don't worry daily about the finances of having two kids in college. I'm a single mom and I don't know how I will get through the next four years. I don't want to pass this worry to my children. I want them to enjoy the college experience.

I pray for the growth of my daughter's relationship in Christ. Her father left us as he struggles with the Lord and addiction. Help me trust God to restore my family.

God, I'm trusting that you will take care of our son as he joins Samford. Surround him with a good roommate and friends. I believe that you have a beautiful plan for his life. Lead and guide him!

Lord, I am praying for the mom that we heard is going through cancer. I pray for the mom and daughter to run to you and keep running to you. Father, I pray for our son to give all of himself to you and glorify you with his life. I love you, Jesus!

My prayer is that our daughter follows God with all her heart.

I pray that the lives of all these students will be changed. I pray that we will be good stewards of money to pay tuition with availability.

I trust you, Lord. I trust our daughter to you. I trust you to provide finances. I trust you, Lord!

My prayer is that our son flourishes at Samford as he follows his calling to be a children's pastor. I pray that he clings to you, Jesus, when troubles arise and I pray that he sings your praises when he succeeds. I pray that we release all control to you, Lord.

My dear Lord, please watch over my daughter. Please keep her safe and in the palm of your hand. Help her to make good decisions. Help her to work hard in her classes and to learn well the things she needs to know for her chosen profession. Help her to use well all the gifts you have given her. Please let her remember that you are always with her and that with you all things are possible. Thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed on us.

I pray that our daughter will yield to God's will. I pray that God will protect her quiet time. I pray for God to provide a church for her.

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for your love for me and my daughter. I leave her in your loving hands. I trust that you will show her worth, not only in those around her but in you. This time last year, I wasn't sure from day to day whether she would even be with us. I trusted you. Thank you for all you do and have done.

I pray for success for my daughter!

Lord, your will be done!

Help me to trust you more. Help me to share you more.

Father, we pray that you will make a way for our daughter at Samford. We pray that you go before her, protect her, guide her and keep her. Help us trust you and increase our faith in you and our love for you!

Father, remind me each day that I can trust you to care for our son, with his heart, his friendship, his faith and his future. You are worthy of our praise and trust.

I pray that I can find a new path and purpose as a single mom and empty nester for the first time and that I will look to God to fill the empty, lonely place and entrust all my children, especially my student here, to his care and perfect path.

Lord, I humbly ask that you give an ounce of your power to submit to you and allow your will to shine brightly for our daughter. I pray that my desires are cast aside and I am at peace with whatever your will may be.

Dear Lord, I pray that you will allow me the ability to trust you to bring our son closer to you while he attends Samford. Thank you for this place.

I am placing my trust in you, Lord, that we will be able financially to cover our daughter's college expense. I know beyond doubt that Samford is where you want and need her. All praise to you, God!

I pray for our son to put himself out there and to make friends.

God, please help our daughter to love you with her total being and please help our unbelief turn into faith in you.

Help me to absolutely trust you, God, for the salvation of our son and for the spiritual growth of other students. God, please grow these kids in the knowledge and grace of your word and forgiveness and love. May you grow bright in this university.

I pray that I will trust the Lord with my daughter as she begins this new chapter. Help me to guide and mentor, not dictate and force. I pray she turns to you when she feels anxious. Take care of my baby!

I trust you, Lord, and the direction you see that is best for our daughter, our family, her friends and all students here at Samford. My prayer is for trust and wisdom. We love you, Lord.

I pray you to watch over our daughter and us as we are without her. Keep her safe and nourish her.

I pray for the Class of 2023 that God will move in a mighty way in each person's life! I pray that we would trust you completely. I pray that we would all seek you above all, discerning your truth and being bold for you!

Dear God, you know my daughter's needs and the needs of the other students, faculty and administration. Please let them all know that you are with them and they can trust you and trust in your promises. Thank you, Lord.

Help me give you control. I can't do this on my own. May she find comfort in this place and feel your love surrounding her always. I love you.

I pray for protection for my son as he transitions to this next stage of his life. Heal the student's mother from cancer. Heal other students from their illnesses. Protect the campus from all harm and danger. Render healing to your people. Provide for our home.

I pray that God will continue to lead our daughter to the center of his will for her life. I pray that I will put my trust in him because he loves her even more than I do.

Keep us safe as we start this new chapter in our lives.

Father, I know you have brought our son to this place and time. I am trusting you to supply our financial need so that he can be surrounded by your people and your spirit at Samford. Bless and protect our child, this university, and help us to be able to provide for him through your riches.

I pray that my son will make choices that will be pleasing to you.

I pray for the people who do not know and have the comfort of God. I pray they can come to him at all times. Please help them in their walk with God, to know him and feel his tremendous love.

My prayer is to continue to trust God in leading our daughter's life. My prayer is to let go of the chains that I want to continue to have on her life and trust that it is your way and your plans. I

pray, Heavenly Father, that our daughter has a renewal of faith and is recharged with her faith in you!

I pray for my son and daughter to stay focused on God and his plan for them as they are on their own for the first time. I pray for peace and strength for me to trust in him through this new time.

I pray concerning the financial fears about how we are going to make this work! I pray concerning sadness and repentance that I don't trust God 100%. I pray that God will fill the void when we have kids leave home in the fall!

Lord, I am trusting you with our son and his life. Please protect him and keep him safe and show him how to further your kingdom.

Lord, as we continue to place our daughter into your hands, may she hold fast to you and may you continue to be her chief cornerstone. Give her a hunger for your word and for constant fellowship with people who point her straight back to you! Protect her heart, her mind, her body and soul.

I pray that my child listens for God's words and is open to follow his path.

I pray my daughter will have a closer relationship with God. I pray that she will find close friends she didn't have in high school. I pray that she can function outside the divorce that has affected our family and that has devastated her mother. I pray for relief from her anxiety, perfectionism, stringent schedule and other issues.

My prayer is that the presence of the Holy Spirit increases here among the faculty, the students and the staff. I pray that he be glorified in every thought that is born on this campus. I pray that the physical beauty of this campus will be enhanced by his presence and that the students live out the lives he planned for each. Lord, protect the hearts and minds of every person here and wrap this place with the shield of your love and grace.

Lord, thank you for leading our son on this path here to Samford. As you light that lamp brightly upon his feet, I pray for his inner core to be branded with love, strength and wisdom from you. Surround him with peers that fear you and lift him up with your love and peaceful encouragement so that he will grow into being the man you designed him to be.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

My prayer is that our daughter will truly surrender her heart to Christ. I pray that she will follow and serve you, Jesus. I ask that she would find through you her path and journey in life. I pray that she will not depart. There are many questions. I pray that she will see you as "I Am"!

Dear Jesus, thank you for our daughter and for leading her here. May she allow you to work in her heart and surrender her heart to all that you want. Help me to surrender daily to your will for her. Lord, thank you!

Please help me to nail to the cross the sin in me that is not believing your faithfulness for my student. I leave behind the sin of unbelief today, through the power of your spirit.

I pray that my daughter finds a spiritual connection again and finds friends to continue on her Christ-filled journey here at Samford. His way . . . he is guiding . . . may she just follow.

Lord, I pray that you would equip us as parents by the power of the Holy Spirit for this next stage. Give our daughter good friends, a church home and community and help her to follow you always.

Please watch over our daughter. Guide her in paths of righteousness. Protect her from the dangers and evils of this world. Bless her. Let her be a great warrior for you.

Lord Jesus, I pray that your good and perfect plans for our daughter will unfold over her years here at Samford. I pray that you will protect and preserve her life. May your will be done. Thank you that you love her even more than we do.

Heavenly Father, we place our son in your hands. Please guide him as you have guided him and watched over him. Send your Holy Spirit to whisper to him and remind him of your presence constantly. Our trust and faith are with you.

I pray that our son will chase after God with his whole heart. I pray for provision of deep Christian friendships.

My prayer today and every day is that our children will always walk with the Lord and to know God's unwavering love for each of them.

I pray that our daughter will find you, Lord, through a personal relationship with Christ.

O God, I believe. Help my unbelief.

Father, help our daughter to be strong in her faith and to always trust in you. Help me to let go of control and to trust you.

Father, I ask that you put godly people in our daughter's path. I pray that she will make decisions that are pleasing to you and that she will seek wise counsel and listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I thank you for every blessing and provision you have given us. I pray you will strengthen my marriage and help me to be the husband and father you have called me to be.

I praise you, Lord, for opening the door to make it possible for my daughter to attend Samford. You made it possible. You provided. You are an amazing Father and provider, Lord. If I am faithful, I know you will provide the finances. Lord, may my girls live their lives for you. May they follow your will. You have given them so much. I pray they see your gifts and that they live in obedience to you.

Hold my child in your safe arms. Grow her in your amazing grace. Lead her in your perfect way. Fill her with your spirit. She is yours and I am forever grateful.

Lord, our daughter is yours. Bless her. Keep her close to you, always. May she prosper in your kingdom, guided by your spirit. Bless, O God, her mother and father, to always trust in your plan for her.

I pray that I am the parent I need to be for my baby. I pray that I am the teacher I need to be for my students. I pray that I am the wife I need to be for my husband as we go to this next phase.

Lord, I thank you for our beautiful daughter. She is beautiful, through and through. Thank you for giving her to us on this day, as on many days. I give her to you. May she ever love you and hear your voice in the hard and good times. In this season of fatherhood, help me to be the father you want me to be.

Lord, I pray for strength to be steady for my family during this transition. I know you are trustworthy and I turn my fear and anxiety over to you. You love our daughter more than I can imagine. I pray you fill her with the truth that her worth is found in you and she is loved always.

I pray that our daughter will continue her walk with God and that she will make godly friends. Calm her anxiety and worries.

God, you have so clearly led us to this place, so there is no doubt that this is where you are leading our daughter. Yet it is hard to let her fly. I trust you and your good plans for her. Show us how to parent through this new stage. I trust you by faith for this next season.

God, you have brought all of these students and families to this place. They come from diverse backgrounds, yet they now will have a shared experience. I pray all will grow to know you and know you deeper. I pray our daughter will find lifelong friends, true friends she can count on. I pray for her academic success and ultimate life success. Give me wisdom to help her in this journey.

Father, I release our granddaughter to you, believing she is in your hands. I pray these years she will grow closer to you for a lifetime and be united with godly friends.

God, provide my daughter with a good roommate and a good group of friends that serve you. Help her follow your plan for her life. Protect her. Keep her focused on you and grow closer to you here at Samford.

Lord, thank you for our daughter and the joy she has brought us. Thank you for this school. You know our desire for her to know you more and follow you all her days. Draw her to yourself. Give her wisdom and direction. Bring her joy. Restore our relationship with more joy and love than ever before. Thank you, Jesus.

We pray for our sweet son as he goes over to Samford. Help us to trust God with his safety and love. We pray for our finances and our marriage and our hearts. We pray for our other two sons. We pray for peace and prosperity and love.

God, I'm so worried she won't find friends and about how her leaving is going to make her younger sisters so sad.

Lord, I pray that you forgive me of my sins and wrap your arms around this school, the faculty and our children. I pray that your arms will strengthen and protect them always.

Lord, I know this is your will for our daughter to be within this incredible, God-filled school! Thank you for such an awesome opportunity! Thank you for guiding us past 19 other schools to Samford where you clearly wanted her. I know you have an awesome, incredible, unbelievably purpose for her; I totally believe that! She loves you so much already. I cannot wait to see that love, faith and wisdom grow! I am so excited to see what you have planned for her to do for you. Thank you for my awesome son, too. Please guide him. And—my incredible hubby! We love you!

God, you have guided us here. Show us how you will provide. This is a matter of trust. I am so thankful that this is the space you chose for my child.

I pray for freedom from anxiety for myself and my children. Help me remember that my children are yours first and nothing in our stories surprises you.

Lord, I give you my son. Would you soften his heart? Make him hungry for you. Give him friends and teachers who point him to you. Pursue him. Help him to grow, have fun, achieve his dreams and put down his roots deeply in you. Help him to be fertile soil and reap a harvest that is 100-fold.

Father God, I am yours and I am so thankful for that. Now it is time to give up control of the greatest gifts of this earth. I give you my family and specifically your daughter who is coming to Samford. She is yours. I completely trust you!

Lord, thank you for loving my children even more than I do. Please remind me that you will take care of them and that they are yours. Help our daughter to walk in the ways you desire for her and to follow you. Thank you for Samford and thank you for leading her here.

May my sons find godly friends and good roommates. May they stay close to God and put Jesus first in everything they do.

I pray that God will do immeasurably more than we can even imagine or think in our daughter's life—relationship with God, great friends, great professors, finances for college, peace, confidence and safety.

Thank you for the assurance that you have our student in your hands. We pray that our daughter always remembers whose she is and seeks your will daily. For uncertainties, we lay them at your feet. We pray for your will and for safety and protection for our daughter.

My prayer is to trust that God will fill in the holes where I have failed and provide the place at Samford that my child can grow, learn and succeed. May I learn to walk alongside to provide support, direction and love in new ways.

Dear amazing and powerful God, I thank you, I worship you and I am in awe of your presence. Thank you for everything you have done, are doing and will do for my family. I trust you, I'm seeking you, I'm surrendering to you and I'm giving it all to you—our daughter, my husband, my complete life. Thank you! Thank you!

Father, I will try to be joyful about the significant investment we're preparing to make in our daughter's future. Please strengthen and encourage me and help her succeed in her studies as well as helping her make a difference in people's lives, both physically and spiritually. We love you and trust you!

I pray that my son will embrace the opportunity God has given him to be at Samford. I pray he will make good Christian friends and God will provide him direction in his education choices. Soften his heart and his attitude toward others.

God, I pray that you take the worry away, the worry of my last child leaving home. His father and I have raised him in you. I pray he makes good, godly friends, that he remains a leader not a follower. I pray he rises up for you and that through friendships and relationships that you are his number one.

I pray that my son will find his place here at Samford. I pray that he will let God lead him and guide him in his decisions, his relationships, his education. I pray God's blessings on him and that he will feel it in all phases of his life.

Father, I trust you to love our daughter, protect her, watch over her and keep her healthy during her time at Samford. Thank you, Father, for our daughter and for Samford. May your peace cover us all in the days to come.

Dear, precious Lord, how thankful I am you have led our son here and he has heard your call and has chosen this amazing place. Lord, I ask you to embrace him here, to surround him with the people that you have chosen for him, that you would bind up his fear, his anxiety, his medical problems and that he be healed in this place and can overcome these obstacles. Keep him safe in mind, body and spirit and give him a glimpse of your beautiful plan for him in this season and in life! We love you so much.

I pray that our daughter finds some godly friends at Samford, flourishes in her studies and grows in her faith.

I pray that I will trust in God's sovereignty over our daughter's life. I pray that she will thrive at Samford, that she will grow into the Christ-following, strong woman that you made her to be. I pray God's protection over her mind, body and soul.

God, take care—control of—our daughter's anxiety and medical issues. I pray that she will be open and honest about her weaknesses and that you will send special individuals to be part of her life and help her work through any issues or fears. I pray that she will always remember to give all to you, first and foremost.

I pray that you will give our daughter the friends you would like her to have and that she will live her life in such a way that others will see you, Jesus Christ, in her.

During our son's time at Samford and in the years ahead, may he be like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither. May he act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. May he glorify God and enjoy him forever. He has been and continues to be such a joy to his mother and to me.

I pray for my son's health, safety and well-being. I pray for God's guidance and direction. I pray for God to surround him with love and comfort.

I pray that this place embraces our son, that it allows his heart and talents to thrive. I know he will impact others in a positive way. Let him feel loved and guided and safe. I pray that he isn't depressed or anxious and that he deals with adversity in a healthy way, embracing success.

God, I know you love our daughter more than we do, as she is in your mighty hand. Please watch over her, lead her to godly friends that will love her, encourage her, lift her up—and may she do the same for others. Guide her through registration, give her wisdom! I pray for all the finances to work out. I know you will provide. Help us to trust you! I know you brought her here! Now, go God!

For my son and for all Samford kiddos, I pray that he is confident in his God-given ability, believing in himself and knowing his worth through Christ. I pray that he finds true friends. I pray that he is surrounded by and connected to people to point him to Christ and hold him accountable to his faith.

Lord, I pray that you will direct our daughter's path; that she will listen for your direction. I pray that she will make new friendships and grow in her walk with you. I pray for her protection, as well as her boldness. I thank you for the young woman you have been molding her into being. I pray for those of us left at home while she is away. I pray you will use her at college as she connects with those around her.

I pray that Samford grows in its influence and that my daughter fulfills her calling here as a godly nurse, and that she finds lifelong friends and a group/home away from home.

Father, you are always faithful in all things. We ask that we can trust you in all things. We lift up our daughter and ask that you watch over her here and let us let go and be her guide and advisor.

We pray for our daughter in this life transition. We pray for her safety. We pray that the Lord protects her, keeps her safe and focused on him. We also pray that the Lord strengthens us, through this time that is bittersweet.

My great God, I ask that you keep your hands on our daughter. I pray that she will place her trust in you. Always knowing that no matter the situation, you are there, through the good times and the bad. I pray for the Samford staff. I pray for her teachers, that they will always seek your counsel and your guidance. You are in control.

I pray for my family as we go through this transition of sending our daughter to college, trusting him that he knows what is best and he will take care of her and he will see us through the changes. I'm thankful for Samford and this amazing place. I pray for our daughter as she finds and meets new friends.

To Him who is able to do immeasurably more, I pray that despite my weak prayers you will strengthen our daughter as she begins this new journey. Give her strength, courage and resolve. Give her a boldness for you.

God, this is the perfect place for our daughter. Help us to find the strength and stability of finances to help keep her dreams coming true. Give me the strength to let her go. She is my baby girl and I am not ready.

I pray for the incoming students of the Class of 2023 that they may be held happy, holy and healthy, and that they may experience the trueness of the body, blood, soul and divinity of the sacrifice Jesus made for them. Be not afraid.

We know God has great things in store for our son and we know he has been given the examples set by us and his sisters. We pray he finds great friends like his sisters did, friends that will be there for him in good and bad times. We pray he has confidence in himself to be all that God would have him to be, and when times get tough he will look to God to help him persevere.

Through the trials and victories, failures and needs, our son will come to know you as his one true Lord, provider and sustainer, and only true joy giver. This is your will. Call our son to you, my God. Draw him into the amazing good works you have planned in advance for him, that he might know the eternal, deep satisfaction of serving you and walking in your will, in Christ. I thank you.

My prayer is for my daughter's health, safety and confidence to make good decisions and find friends that make her a better person, friend, and most importantly a stronger Christian. I pray she meets a guy that will make her feel loved in everything she does. I pray that she finds a career that helps her share the gospel.

My prayer is that my daughter continues to put her faith in God. Let her know that God will never let her down, that God will provide the means for her to be at Samford. I pray that she will always be a blessing to others.

I pray for my daughter to establish life-long, intentional friendships that are rooted in Christ. I pray direction and discernment for her major. I pray that she will be willing to put herself out there to seek friendships. Take her worries away.

Lord, I pray that you comfort my wife, that you strengthen her and remind her how much you love our son, that you will continue to lead, guide and direct him.

My prayer is for our daughter to grow her faith in you, for her to find forever friends who also put their faith in you. May she excel in academics and personal growth. May her love for you grow stronger every day. Keep her safe. Be with her as we adjust to being empty nesters.

Three years ago we sent our daughter to Samford. God has now led my son to Samford. Coming from far away we have full faith in Samford, "the family." We pray for the staff and support people of Samford. God bless them!

My prayer is that our daughter would strengthen her faith and learn to study and love God's word with a passion, and that she would meet lifelong friends who support her, hold her accountable and to whom she can also uplift. We pray that the entire student body and staff of Samford would be world-changers in ways large and small so that the name of God is glorified around the world.

Father, I pray that you would give my daughter a heart that beats for you and your glory! I pray for godly friends for her, for spiritual growth and ease in learning. May she be a 100-fold person.

I ask that you guide my daughter to the career choice that she desires. Allow her to be accepted to the appropriate program and fulfill her dreams. Watch over my son as he is leaving home for the first time and help him focus on his dreams.

I pray for my daughter, that the voice of the Lord through his word would be louder than all the other voices. I pray that she would be surrounded by godly influences and use her talents for his glory. I pray that she would form deep friendships and follow Jesus fully!

Father, my prayer is that my son will grow in his relationship with you this year. I pray that he will trust and follow you closely and that he would learn to persevere in difficult times and to lean on you. I pray that he would make solid friendships with men and women who would encourage him in his faith. I pray that he would find his joy and self-esteem in you!

I pray for our daughter to be safe and healthy and to realize who she is in Christ. I pray she will be faithful to him as she grows and matures and I pray for her to find faithful friends to do college with.

Lord, I've done all I know to do for her. I've kept my promises to raise her in faith. She is yours. I am so excited to see where you lead her. Thank you!

I ask that our daughter be safe, strong and healthy. May she be open to new possibilities and not from from change. I pray she finds herself as she learns and matures, and that she is not afraid to be herself. May she know on her very worst day that she is always loved by us and by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I pray for safety for our daughter and for all students and staff. I pray that Samford and all parents can lead our kids on the true and right path of serving Jesus. I pray for strength to leave with a heart full of trust, and the knowledge that you, Jesus, have guided us as parents and guided our children to the path you have chosen for us.

Reveal your wonderful plan to my son. Wake him, open his heart and mind so that he can grow and courageously fulfill your plan. Help him to become the man you intended.

I pray that Dr. Westmoreland will stay the course by continuing to lead Samford to fulfill its Christian mission. I pray that Samford will resist the forces to compromise and that it will advance its fidelity and faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

God, you are steadfast and you are faithful. Thank you for saving our daughter, for sanctifying her and promising to keep her until the end. Grow her in every way. Bring godly community

around her. Keep her safe. Protect her heart and her purity. Make her a mighty warrior for you. Light each step of her path and let her life glorify you always.

Lord, I pray you bring people and experiences into our son's life that will lead to deepening his faith in you. Lord, please let him feel your presence and hand upon him.

I pray that our daughter would make friends who will encourage her, enrich her life and make her her best. I pray she would do the same for them.

God, we ask that you protect and nourish our son. Provide him with the confidence to be himself and not be enticed by those not like you. Grant him courage to take the necessary steps to align his life with your will and to accept all that you have for him. We ask these things in your precious son's name, Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, awesome protector, perfect shield, Lord, I thank you for our son, that he is wonderfully made. I thank you for leading him and guiding him. I thank you that you have blessed him to be a leader among leaders. Thank you for your mercy. I know you love him more than I do. I thank you for giving him a spiritual ear to hear your still, small voice, which equips him to choose life in the midst of chaos and turmoil. I thank you for him. I thank you for your sacrifice for him. I appreciate you! In the name of Jesus I pray.

My prayer is for clarity of direction, obedience and faith for the next chapter in life. I pray for wisdom and courage to fulfill the call of God.

Father, my prayer for our daughter is that you would draw her near to you. Whatever it takes, pierce her heart with the gospel. Jesus, be her savior, friend and king. Holy Spirit, may the perfect purpose you have for her unfold. Guide her steps, open doors before her, and give her the faith to do your will.

As a senior at Samford, I pray for each of the incoming students, that they may easily find their place here at this home and to know they are not alone.

My prayer is for my son, that God would awaken and grow the spiritual gifts within him. I pray that he would see God at work and join him in that work.

Heavenly Father, I lift up my son to you. I pray he will be himself and he will find confidence in you so that he finds his place here at Samford. I pray that he will communicate with us and share his experiences. Thank you, Lord.

Father God, I pray that our son finds you here, at Samford. I pray that he matures in his relationship with you and that he fully owns that relationship as his own. Lord, let him find your purpose for his life and that he lives that purpose out in full passion, rejecting passivity and leading courageously.

I want my child to attend here. I want my daughter to be restored to health. I want my children to remember the values they have learned. Lord, watch over her.

God, you have been faithful to us. We thank you for our son and what he means to us and our family. We entrust him to your care. Live in and through him.

My prayer is that our son will grow into a true and unsinkable relationship with God through Jesus. Help him to mature. Help him to make good decisions, set goals, work hard, achieve true friends and to be a light in the world. Help him to find his purpose, to be safe and to have good relations with his family.

My prayer is for God's ultimate protection and provision for my son as he starts this new chapter of his life. I pray he chooses to stay close to the Lord and ask for God's wisdom, knowledge and understanding to be poured out on him. I pray for good choices and decisions.

My prayer is for our son to keep his eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of his faith. I pray that he will first and foremost love Jesus and to have the confidence to pursue his dreams and use his gifts for God's glory.

We pray that our son makes good choices and realizes his fullest potential. We pray he doesn't waste his talents and hard work and proves to himself that he can do anything he puts his heart and soul into. Please watch over him as we let go and let him soar! Thank you!

Father, I have no doubt that you have led our daughter to this place. And yet, in my flesh, my momma heart is fighting fear. I long for her to thrive here—to find her people, to grow in every way, and I am so fearful she will get lost in the shuffle. Lord, I trust you, Jesus, and I know you have a plan and a purpose for her life. Therefore, I will not fear.

Our daughter has incredible anxiety and we desire and pray she will submit those concerns to you, Lord. I pray for our family as we transition to this new stage!

Dear Lord, keep our son safe and lead him in your path. He is ready for this next step and he loves you so. Please help me not to miss him so much.

Lord, I pray that you would supernaturally provide my daughter with friends, mentors, a faithful church and the guidance of your Holy Spirit to fully embrace the fullness of her birthright as a woman of God, and that she might walk faithfully in it.

I pray that our daughter would cast all her cares on you. I pray that she would diligently seek you and you would direct her every step. I pray for a good friend and a church home. I pray that she would be comfortable and confident in who you've made her to be and that she finds great joy in that.

May our daughter's anxieties turn to excitement. May her fears turn into opportunities. May her dreams turn into reality. May she find strength to do great things. But may she always feel the need for God.

Dear Lord, help our daughter be that beam of light that reflects you in all situations, in all relationships, so that many will see you in all she is involved in. To God be the glory!

Our prayers are that our daughter will thrive here at Samford. We pray that God will surround her with godly friends and mentors.

My prayer for our daughter is that she would seek the Lord with all her heart. I pray that God would draw her to himself and that she would know the deep love of the Father. I also pray for those God has already chosen to speak into her life.

I pray that the Lord will continue to lead, guide and direct our son's steps.

I pray that our son remains obedient to God's word and diligently pursues God's will for his life! I pray that he will be strong and bold and will influence his friends in a godly way!

I pray that our son would be surrounded by people who love Jesus deeply and that God would continue to draw him closer—to serve God and others above all else.

My prayer is for new friendship for our daughter, strength, wisdom, boldness, faith, protection, and wise decisions. God, I ask for each of these things.

I pray that our son would flourish, have peace of mind, and not struggle with anxiety or depression. We trust God to take care and help him.

For my daughter, I pray for confidence. I pray for courage. I pray for self-love and self-discovery. I pray for acceptance of herself and pride in all she accomplishes.

With both my children at Samford, I pray for me and my husband as empty nesters. I pray that we adjust quickly. I pray that our children will grow in Christ here on this beautiful campus.

Lord, we thank you for our sweet daughter. Thank you for Samford, for all those amazing gifts from you, the oil of joy just pouring down from heaven. I give you our daughter today. I also give you my marriage and know you will direct our path.

Father God, may each day that our daughter spends on this campus draw her closer to you. May you be her guide as she chooses a path for her career, as she forms friendships and interacts with others. May her heart be wholly yours and may her desires be your desires for her. May she serve you well in her life because of all the experiences here.

Father, our daughter is an incoming freshman. I pray that she can stay focused, healthy and prepared. She is a little scared, but ready to start. Father, for our other daughter, I ask that you keep her life on track. She needs affirmation with her major. Help her to be healthy and free from depression.

Father, I pray that our daughter will be surrounded by a sweet group of Christian friends. As she's struggling with decisions about what work it is that you have for her, help her trust you daily.

Lord, I pray for the confident, trusting kind of faith Paul speaks of in Ephesians—for me and for my sister. May our happiness be in the cross, not in earthly relationships.

I pray that my daughter would thrive academically, spiritually and socially at Samford. I pray that she would not be anxious about this new change in her life but that she will embrace the experience. I pray that she will develop meaningful and lasting friendships while she is here.

Lord, I ask you to watch over our daughter. Allow her to grow in her love and dedication to you. Give her strength to overcome her fears. Give her patience with others. Remind her to take care of herself as well as she takes care of others. And remind her to study. Thank you for loving your precious daughter.

I pray for my daughter as a new student at Samford. I pray that she would be surrounded by examples of Christ all around her and grow deep in her relationship with Christ. I pray that she will be a servant, looking to give of herself for others. I pray that she will develop compassion for the lost and experience the joy and fullness of Jesus.

Holy Father, give my baby girl the strength and serenity to grow in faith and as a child of God. Help ease her anxiety and let her know that you are always there. Please, Lord, let her share her strength from her struggles to help others.

God, I stand in amazement of your awesomeness! I am grateful that you've allowed me to be a part of your daughters' lives. They challenged me and taught me to trust you and your almighty power. I pray that they grow in their relationship with you and with each other. I believe Samford is where you are going to grow them into amazing young women.

I pray for my daughter to strengthen her relationship with God, that she finds good, solid friends, that she gets the classes she needs and that she succeeds in all her classes. I pray that I'm able to support her from so far away. God give me strength!

My prayer is that God keeps my daughter safe. I pray that she finds joy. I pray that she is surrounded by kindness and friendships. I pray that Samford will hold her in a circle of love when I cannot hold her.

God, may your will be done in the lives of my daughters. I pray you would strengthen them. May they grow closer to you, give you praise each day and seek to serve you and others. Thank you, God, for Samford. I pray your blessings on each one who enters these grounds each day.

Father, I ask for spiritual, emotional and physical healing for my girl. God, please bring what she needs to thrive and know your love and calling in her life. I ask that she would yield to you fully.

I pray for God's will to be done in my daughter's life. Place a hedge of protection around her and her influencers here at Samford. Please, Father, bless her younger siblings at home as they miss their sister. Give them peace and understanding.

I pray that our son will spread his wings and soar. I pray that he will follow Jesus and shine bright. I pray that he knows he is loved by God and us.

Dear Lord, thank you for our beautiful girl. I am overwhelmed that you would bless us in this way. Please give her the wisdom and strength to take care of herself mentally, physically and spiritually.

I pray that our daughter would be guided in the decisions she makes, the activities she participates in, the friends she makes, the courses she studies and the major she pursues, and that you would prepare her for what you want her to do to serve you and others in the future. And please, we pray the same for her brothers.

Please dear Lord, lead our daughter, my precious daughter. Help her budget her time with studies and not to procrastinate. Help her to make quality, deep friends that will be uplifting and guiding. Direct her path to the right classes and activities. Help her discover her skills and where she should go in life.

My prayer is that someone would cover our daughter's tuition, or that God does that in whatever way he chooses. And, more importantly, that we leave it up to God since he gave our daughter to us. I pray for peace, unity, faith, wisdom and perseverance.

I pray for the physical protection of my daughter, for her to grow in knowledge and dependence on you. I pray for her to grow fully into the gifted person and leader you made her to be. Thank you for giving her to us as parents.

My prayer is for relationships, spiritual growth and habits, study habits, life skills, and finding how we work as a family with two children in different colleges and one at home.

I pray for strength to let go and know that you, Lord, have our daughter, as you always have. Thank you for choosing me to be her mama. I give her back to you to open her heart and mind and deepen her relationship with you. Wrap your arms around her and guide her. Your will be done.

I pray that my son will draw closer to Christ and grow in his faith. I pray that God will draw him to good friends for life and will encourage him and hold him accountable. I pray that he will find his purpose and calling and his identity in Christ. I pray that he is open to what God has for him.

Gracious God, watch over and nourish these students. Help them to see ways to serve you as they serve each other and the world. Enrich their minds and equip them to live full, purposeful lives.

Lord, please guide our son through this stage of life in developing into the man you want him to be, spiritually and professionally. I pray that you keep him safe and true by following you.

My prayer for my daughter is that God will light a clear path for her during the next four years. I pray for solid relationships to be built to encourage her along the way. I pray for financial resources to be available so she can finish her time here.

My prayer is that our son would press into you, Father, and that he would grow daily in you and spread his wings and soar! I pray that he will live a life that is honorable and impactful.

I give my son back to you, God, with gratitude. Thank you, Lord, for loaning him to me. He is my Samuel. He is the gift you allowed me to borrow. Thank you so much. My mom heart hurts to release him to your forever service. Show me what my new purpose is now, Lord. Help me embrace it! I love you, Lord.

Heavenly Father, thank you for blessing my life through my son. I trust that you will protect him and grow him during his days at Samford. I pray for the Holy Spirit to flood his heart and encourage him to walk boldly in his faith in you!

Lord, please bless those students, faculty and families that are a part of this university. May your presence be evident in every moment from this day forward. Please fill my son (and daughter) with immense peace and joy that only you can provide. May they impact this world in your honor.

I pray for our daughter's ability to manage her time and keep up with her studies, especially Spanish. She'll need your help, Father, to learn Spanish. I pray for wisdom about her future and possible full-time mission work.

My prayer is for our three children during this time of transition. I pray Philippians 1:9-11 for all three of them each day.

My prayer is that our daughter will have a wonderful experience at Samford. I pray that she will learn more about you, Lord, and really listen to you. I pray that she will find sweet, kind,

good friends and really be happy here. Please support her in nursing school and all that is ahead this year. I am trusting you with her, Lord.

I pray our son will find his place and find you. I pray we will be able to afford Samford. I pray he will succeed academically and in life.

I pray for my granddaughter as I turn her back over to you, Lord. You blessed me by allowing me to raise her these last 18 years. I trust you, Lord. Thank you, thank you. I love you.

Dear Lord, give my daughter peace in this new experience, so that it will be what she needs as she moves into adulthood. Ease her anxiety.

Dear Lord, help us to trust you with our daughter. I ask you, Lord, to increase my faith. I pray that she will continue her pursuit of a deeper relationship with you. I give her to you, Lord. Be with our marriage as our last child leaves home. Use us in a mighty way to impact this fallen world!

Dear Lord, may this place be a lasting blessing and beacon of truth for all who attend here. Guide these students as they navigate the troubled waters of transition. Show them the way of life.

I pray for our family as we go through this season of life. Give us the strength to let go and let God work his magic through our daughter and lead her down the path he has for her.

God, I thank you for validating our choice of Samford for our daughter. My prayer is that you pour out your spirit upon her. I turn her over to you, Lord. Do a mighty work in her life. Help her with all aspects of Samford. In your name!

I pray that our son would know his true identity in Christ. I pray that his faith would be solidified during these years. I pray that he would discover his purpose in Christ and walk boldly into it.

Sweet Jesus, thank you for the life you have entrusted to me. As she heads into her own freedom, I pray your hedge around her and for my own strength to stay in constant trust. I love you, Jesus, and pray this in your name.

Thank you, Abba Father, for your faithfulness in providing this amazing opportunity at Samford. Lord, reach down and touch our daughter with confidence, peace and certainty that she is where she needs to be. Remove her anxiety, fear and worries as she boldly steps out on faith to trust you in attending Samford. May she continue to walk in your way and in your will. May she find one friend who walks with the same morals and integrity she has. May she feel included, loved and known as you have set her apart for your purpose! May I trust you in this process! I love you, Lord!

Gracious God, you gave our son to us. We have done the best we can. He is ready, even though we are not. Thank you for the gifts you have given him. Help us to do the best we can in this next chapter. Thank you for the generosity of your love and for the gift of your son.

Dear Lord, I lay the lives of my boys at your feet. I trust in your love and power to steer them in the right direction you have set for them. I am at peace. In love, gratitude and joy.

My prayer is that my daughter will further develop her spiritual walk with Christ. I pray that she will be focused in her faith and in academics and not easily distracted. I pray that she will be confident in herself.

I offer praise for answering my Psalm 32:8 prayer. I pray our son will embrace this place which is imperfect, yet filled with many seeking you. I am praying that iron sharpens iron and that friendships are deepened. I pray for wisdom to carry him through.

God, I know you will take care of and watch over our young lady. Continue to guide her and help her. She loves you so much. Thank you for everything.

Holy God, please guide our son on the path you want him to travel. Help him to guard his heart. Bless us with the wisdom of discernment to support him.

God, please allow our son to have an open mind to learn and use these next four years. Let him believe in himself and his ability and know he is not alone and that you are with him. Help him love this new adventure.

Protect our daughter and give her strength to take care of herself. Show her the path to serve well and use her gifts.

God, I pray you will meet our son at every need, every desire, every relationship, every dream you put in his heart. You are faithful. Help me to return him to you for your goodness and glory. Sustain him, equip him, bless him with the gift of you.

Lord, I pray that you will walk with my daughter throughout her journey here at Samford. I pray that you will put your loving arms of protection around her and surround her with your grace. I pray for her to find true friendships and lasting memories here. Thank you for her and her love.

We pray for blessings and great success both spiritually and naturally for the Class of 2023. May God guide and lead each staff member so that they may manifest God's works through everything they strive to do.

Father God, I trust you to provide and flourish our daughter beyond measure. We trust you.

God, my daughter will be a long ways from home. I pray that she feels comfortable and confident and finds her home here.

I pray that our son will fall more in love with Jesus and accept the grace of the cross and be bold in proclaiming Jesus.

I pray that you work through our son to lead others, to grow in his own faith, for him to find friends to keep him accountable and for him to be the man you want him to be. We pray for us, as his parents, to adjust to life without him.

Lord, I trust you with my daughter's future, finances and her joy as she begins a new chapter in her life. I know you'll be with her every step. Guard and protect her. May she seek you in everything. Let your light always shine through her. Thank you, God, for your love for her and all the Class of 2023!

I pray for my son. Watch over him as he begins this next chapter in life. I am turning him over to you. Guide him in his journey. Watch over my family and protect us so we can make this a better world.

Dear God, please make room in the heart of our daughter and guide her every step once she starts her college journey at Samford. Connect her to like-minded, godly students who will edify her and she them.

Lord, I pray you continue to guide and open the doors for my family, especially for my daughters that are away from home, trying to fly and find themselves. I pray that they never lose their faith in you!

I am giving you, Dear God, my son to mold him into the adult he can be. I give you my trust to watch over him and help him make the right decisions about his life in the future with his college journey.

Lord, provide an abundance of wisdom to both our daughter and our son.

Thank you, God, for leading our daughter to Samford. Please wrap her in your love and protection. I pray she grows closer to you, knows how much we love and admire her and that she continues to work and love with all her being!

I pray for my son that his faith will be strengthened and developed through his time at Samford and that you can use him to impact others for Christ.

I pray for my daughter, that her health will be fully restored. I pray that you will reveal your purpose for her life direction.

My prayer is for my daughter to really find her place here at Samford and to discover her God-given purpose. I pray that she makes lifelong friends and is accepted just as she is . . . Amazing!

My prayer is for courage, that God gives the students the strength to do what they need to do each day.

I pray for my son's continued growth as a Christian. I pray that he develops lasting relationships and finds the one God has chosen for him. I pray that he is led to a career that makes this world better. I am forever grateful for being his mom and pray for guidance as a family to support our precious son.

The hand of the Lord is a strong tower and the tower of his hand will descend upon this campus and his name be lifted up and glorified. I pray that his mercy abound.

My prayer is that the sweet Holy Ghost will guide our son and keep him safe, grow stronger in Jesus and prepare for his future with a Christ-centered education. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your grace and mercy and for Samford.

You are a good and gracious God. Continue to fulfill our family with you, Jesus. Continue to fulfill your plans and purposes for us as we serve you and live out the gospel. All of this life is for you, Jesus. Sanctify us. We are so grateful for you, Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

I pray that my daughter will become the polished jewel that you created her to be from the inside out. I pray for her to find lifelong friends who support each other. I pray for her dad and me to find the way to pay for her to follow her dreams.

My prayer is that my son will find you here, that he will seek truth, that he will be humble, and that he will know you more deeply when he leaves this place.

Lord, thank you so much for leading us to Samford. Watch over my special angel child as she grows here as a young lady and in her walk with you. Please keep me strong as I rely on you to watch over her and me. We love you, Father God.

I pray that our children will follow Jesus.

I pray that my daughter would see, know and trust in God's perfect plan. I pray that God would use her in a mighty way to accomplish his plan. I pray that I will have faith and trust to know God will provide a way.

God, I'm trusting you to keep my daughter close to you. Continue the great work you've begun in her. I pray that she seeks you every day. I pray that anxiety is a thing of the past with her. We place her at your feet.

Dear God, please guide and protect our son as he begins his journey at Samford. Please give him the confidence and love to make good choices and be happy and healthy.

My prayer is for my sons, that your grace and blessings will touch them and continue to bless them with your protection and love.

I pray for peace with our daughter's college decision. I pray for her to believe in her own worth. I pray for friendships and lasting safety and strength.

Lord, I see how you are working in the life of our daughter. I trust your hand to guide and carry her through these next years. Your will be done.

Dear Lord, bless and protect my precious child. Keep her close to you. Help her make good choices, choose godly friends and stay pure, holy and chaste. Let her see your wonderful plan for her.

Thank you, Lord, for leading us to Samford. Thank you for the vision of diversity. I pray for my daughter. I pray you would continue to guide her steps. I pray she would grow in wisdom. I pray you would provide her with good friends and great mentors. Thank you, Lord!

Heavenly Father, I trust you. Our daughter is yours. She always has been. Show yourself to her as her good, good father. Help her love you more and above all. We need you.

My prayer is for God's provision financially, emotionally, physically and for the spiritual needs of my children to be met.

My prayer is that God would build strong relationships and grow and deepen our son's faith.

My prayer is that our daughter continues to know who she is in Christ. Lord, I pray that she would grow in her faith. May you have a hedge of protection over her and all the students here at Samford. In all we give you the glory.

I pray for my daughters to continue to feel God's presence and love in their lives. I pray it gives them continued strength. I pray we are able to find each other as a couple again as our children follow their paths.

God, lead our daughter to you and the plan you have for her. Let her rest in you. Thank you for this gift!

I pray for our daughter to find peace and comfort and her place at Samford. I pray that she finds friends that love and support her. I pray that she finds her purpose and a course of study that will be fulfilling.

Father, we commit our daughter to your care. We know you have great plans for her, plans to care for your people and provide comfort in their time of need. May the next four years be a time where she encounters joy in a mighty way. Stretch her, grow her and mold her into what you want her to be.

I pray for my daughter and son to find their way. I pray that I am able to find a job. I pray for my wife's health.

God, give me the strength to walk with my daughter. Give her the will to know she can do all things through you. She will not fail. Bring your angels around her and anything that is not like you, remove it. She will be a leader, a strong tower.

Father, I am so extremely worried about money. You have opened all the doors for my daughter to come to Samford. I have no idea how we are going to get financial means. I need a huge miracle.

I pray for our daughter to follow her heart and grow as a person and in Christ!

Please unbind my daughter's heart from trying to be true to you and this world. Help her to see your truth. I pray that through her time at Samford she will finally understand real faith, real dependence on you, Lord. She loves you so but is caught with this world's grip on her.

Keep us. Stay with us. Walk with us, Dear Lord.

God, I once again place both my children in your hands. I thank you for the blessing of having the experience of being a parent. I pray that our children will be a great witness for the gospel. May they be 100-times people. I love you!

I pray for God to watch over my children and give me peace and strength to trust in his stewardship.

My prayer is that I continue to let God finish writing her story without trying to take this pen. I pray that my anxieties and fears are freed and I will let God continue to love her. I pray for all the kids, staff and families as we start another school year!

May our daughter find her path and passion through God's guidance and increase her faith and knowledge of Christ.

My prayer is that my son would share Jesus with the world through the talents you gave him. Through his passion for singing, acting and dance, give him peace, your peace. Keep doubt, regret and confusion out of our thoughts. Help us to trust you for awesome things! We thank you!

Lord, thank you for this time together with our son. Please make your presence known to him. Help us do your will and trust you always.

I pray for our daughter to grow in her faith and trust more and more in Jesus. I pray for her faith to grow stronger and to discover your call on her life. Bless her with dearest friends and

professors that will love her and let her know the beautiful daughter in Christ she is. Thank you, Jesus. Bless our daughter.

Dear Lord, help me trust you more. Help me give our daughter to you. Take care of her, guide her and hold her hand through the next four years.

My prayer is for my daughter to not only continue her lifelong joy of learning but to make lifelong friendships.

Lord, provide for the finances. Lord, provide my wife and I with strength as we send our last child out of the house. Lord, provide our daughter with all she needs to grow into the woman you have called and gifted her to be.

Lord, wrap your loving and graceful arms around our son to guide and support him through this next chapter of his life. We pray that you will guide him with your love to develop friendships he needs to be successful and to grow closer to you. Allow him to be your vessel to share your love with others.

Keep our daughter safe and give her the wisdom to make good decisions. Help her to follow her heart and be kind to people.

I pray for my daughter and her friend that they will find your will and you in Samford. Thank you for allowing me to have my daughter, and for her to have this dear friend. I love you and I fail you and I don't deserve anything from you, but please protect my daughter and use her for your amazing glory.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for entrusting us with our son the last 18 years. My heart's desire is that you will finish what you began in him. May he run his race well, always seeking to be on mission for you. Use him, Lord, and may his heart remain tender for you, putting you and your word first and loving others.

My prayer is that God will protect my family and that he protects my sister in this journey she is about to start, and to guide her way and to guide my family's way and to give us strength and patience.

God, I ask that you guide and protect our daughter while she is here at Samford. Help us to trust in you. Help us to give her to you to direct the path she needs to go and to increase her faith in you.

I pray that the Lord would envelop all the members of my family in his love, melting the walls and strongholds we have built for our own protection.

Lord, thank you so much for answering my prayer of leading our daughter to the right college. Please help us adjust to life without her at home. Continue to watch over her and guide her in

the direction you set for her. I trust you with her life and decisions she will make. Help her to grow deeper in your love and to love others.

Lord, we pray that our son will follow your will in his life and that his emotional health will be protected!

Father, please allow the finances for this amazing opportunity to come through! Please do exceedingly and abundantly more than I can ask or imagine. Please guard our son's heart, his relationships, friendships and academic success! Father, please bless my business as you fulfill your promises!

My prayer is that we make wise choices and decisions. Keep our girl safe, with friends you would have for her. Help her to be merciful, gracious and kind. Love on her as only you can.

I am trusting God with finances. We really do feel that God has led our daughter here to Samford, but the giants standing before us are so distracting. My fears of failing my daughter have been overshadowing my trust in you, Father. I know better than this. Lord, help me in my unbelief!

My prayer is for my boys to thrive at Samford. I pray for their friendships, their relationship with Jesus and with each other. I pray for our family and for me to hold it together.

I pray for our family in transition. I pray for peace and joy today and this summer, plus August 23 and beyond. I pray that our daughter will get connected to a group to encourage her and challenge her to grow in her relationship with the Lord.

I pray for our daughter, that she is yours, Lord. She is in your plan. You have her covered. I release my worries and fears to you, Lord. Thank you for your grace and mercy.

My prayer is that our family can adjust to the absence of our daughter in the house. I pray that we can completely turn her over to you, God, and know that you are holding her close to you and that you will direct her path.

I pray for our daughter to have peace and strength and calmness in her next four years. I pray that she will find new spiritual guidance and be able to place her worries in your hands.

Dear Heavenly Father, please look over our children in the months ahead. May they gain in their faith, make new friends, and make correct choices.

Lord, we have given our daughter a solid foundation on which to grow and make a difference. We ask that you offer her grace to grow into the wonderful, giving young lady she has demonstrated to be. She is ready to be more and her choice to join you here is a true blessing.

I pray to relinquish my fear of all things I am not able to control. Lord, I pray provision for our finances and for our children as they form bonds with new friends. Protect them as they make decisions and cause them to always remember you first.

I pray for peace of mind for our son in the transition to college. I pray for right friendships and that he would find a fellowship of brothers here at Samford. I pray that the Lord will fulfill his purpose for our son. Psalm 138:8.

I pray for our son to thrive in this special place for the next four years, finding his passion and developing his God-given gifts while deepening his faith.

Dear God, I place our daughter once again in your hands. Your plan is higher, Lord. Help us see your will be done in her life. I pray that her relationship with you will be strengthened and deepened over the next four years. I pray that you fill any and all holes in her foundation. May she always rest in you, Lord.

I pray my daughter's faith grows stronger, so strong she submits to God's plan for her life. I pray that she uses his love and grace to guide her days and her heart. I pray she knows and believes her worth is based off her walk with Jesus. I pray her life points to the cross.

Heavenly Father, I pray that our son embraces you every moment and in every way during his time at Samford. I also pray that I will have complete faith and trust in you and your plan for my family.

I pray that our son will continue to seek Christ and grow in his faith.

I pray that our son is happy, safe and strong in his faith.

I trust God with our daughter's future. I pray she will find lifelong relationships at Samford.

I pray God's will for our sweet daughter's life.

I pray that our daughter's future is totally dependent on God, always, no matter what. I pray that our family also is in God's hands, no matter what. I pray for God's favor over all our surroundings, that we continue to grow in faith and trust in God. We are blessed and grateful for having our daughter here at Samford, as a new family.

I pray that we will trust God with our son's future, his health, his schedule, his relationships and his continued growth in the Lord—and for his younger brother who will be home by himself and will miss his brother terribly.

I pray for our daughter to receive confirmation and assurance that God has called her to Samford. As parents, we pray that we will fully release her and her future to you. Help us to trust your plans and your process in developing her into all that you've created her to be.

For our son, we pray that he knows God loves him and we love him. We pray that his love of God will show in all he does. We pray that he will enjoy the process. We pray that he will find his calling and attack it with passion.

My prayer is that you would protect and guide our daughter. Her life and ours are about to change. I ask for strength and wisdom for her and us.

Father, our daughter is anxious over her roommate decision. I pray for comfort and peace during this transition. I pray for strength for her and friendships that blossom, and for growth and maturity in Christ.

I pray for our son's continued good health and remission. I pray for him to find happiness and joy and success at Samford University.

Lord, I pray you place your loving hands on my daughter as she embarks on this next journey in her life. Lord, I hope and I trust you will guide her to find her true self, that she learns how to be a steward for you, that you keep her safe and grounded. I pray you lay your hands on her family as we learn our roles in this new journey. Thank you, God.

I pray that during her time at Samford, God will take our daughter's spirit and transform it into one that always looks to God for guidance, and that she will put her desires behind what she is called to do.

I pray that my son finds true, faithful friends, that he finds a place he desires to go and worship, and that he trusts the plan God has for him. I pray that I can be the encourager I need to be!

I pray that our daughter will be a world changer, a warrior for Christ. I pray her love for Christ will grow daily while she is here at Samford. Use her, Lord, to glorify yourself!

My prayer for my daughter is that this will be a season for her to own her relationship with Jesus. Press her to know the Holy Spirit. Father, help her to start to hear your voice more clearly and discern your plans for her life.

Lord, go before our daughter, draw her near to you. Help her to know that she is a daughter of the King and draw confidence from Christ!

I pray the Lord's protection and care for our daughter and our family, and daily discernment in her walk.

I pray that our daughter will actively seek the Lord and his will for her.

I pray my daughter knows how much she is loved and can find and see the path God has for her.

I pray for my daughter's fear of separation (homesickness). I also pray for wisdom for us in handling the inevitable.

We pray for our daughter to have the best college experience. Use her to do your will wherever she is. We pray for safety, health and calmness and to feel your love and protection.

God, I'm trusting you as my daughter starts her new journey with you as she goes to college. I trust you will make a way financially. Open up the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing where there isn't room to receive.

I ask God that our daughter be used on this campus and beyond as a servant of Christ, and that she will love the outcast and be the hands and feet of God.

I am thankful, Father, that you are in control of all things, that your presence will reign on this campus and that we need not fear or have any anxiety. Lord, as we release our children and as we turn around and leave them here, remind each parent, Father, that we are not leaving them behind along. We are leaving them here at home with you! Here in your arms for you to love. For you to take those seeds, these tender young plants, to water and grow and mature into grown plants, plants with strong roots because they mature in your presence! They will grow through the storms of the next few years with their Savior, strengthened by the storms, deepened by the trials, and fully alive! Yes, Father! That is what you will do for this class!

I surrender our daughter to you, Lord. I ask for your ultimate protection of her heart. May her tenderness not leave as scales fall in seeing this sin-filled world. I pray, Lord, for your truth, beauty and goodness to reign over her life, for your glory.

I pray that our daughter will get in the word everyday and that she realizes she cannot live a godly life with a closed Bible—and that she prays everyday and that she acts and thinks biblically.

God, we trust you to provide all that is needed financially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. We know it is no accident that you brought our daughter here and we give her to you—she is yours—to accomplish your sovereign will in her life.

Dear God, thank you for this milestone for my child and my family. Please continue to watch over us and protect us. Bless our daughter to always turn to you. Protect her and guide her steps, according to the wonderful plan you have for her life. Please allow every financial need to be met.

God, I turn our daughter's future to you. Allow her to walk with you, allow her to hear your leading, allow her to reach her full potential, allow her to stretch herself and to always reach for you.

Lord, thank you for everything you give us and keeping us safe. Keep our daughter safe in her journey and make sure she has everything she will need and always make sure she is happy.

My prayer for our daughter is that she will feel at home at Samford, find beautiful friends and God's calling for her life. I pray that these next four years will be a blessed time in her life.

My son is questioning his decision to attend Samford today. He is anxious and overwhelmed. I know this is the right place for him. I pray for assurance for him.

I am praying for my sister and her faith journey at Samford.

Protect our daughter, guide her, give her the wisdom she needs, the peace to know you're near, and calmness in times she's overwhelmed. Father, we trust you. You've prepared her for this moment. She's ready, with you by her side. Remind her you're always near. Hold her tight. May she find more of you as she finds more of her purpose. Thank you for Samford and the people you've put here to take the baton and grow her even more. Bless them all.

I pray that our daughter would overcome her social anxiety and integrate here well and grow and flourish in academics and Christ.

Please be with our daughter to trust in God to provide her a close friend at Samford and for those of us left at home without her to cope in a healthy, godly way.

God, thank you for blessing us with our daughter. Please bless her through this next chapter of her life. She is so committed to you. Please watch over her. Bless my wife and I with the strength to be without her and the confidence that you are in control. Thank you for my wife. Bless us with continued love.

She's in your hands. You hold her faith in your hands. You have strong hands with a strong grip. You can do far more than I can even pray for. She is yours. Thank you for bringing us to this place where I know you can continue a good work in and ultimately through her.

My prayer is that my daughter will have a relationship with Christ and that she will be safe and that we will be able to afford the cost.

We pray that our son will grow in his faith and his heart will seek worship. We pray that God will use him to bless others. We pray for resolution of relationships in a way that honors God.

God, please watch over my daughter as she goes to college. Keep her safe, use her to do your work, help us financially to allow her to stay here throughout her time to graduate, along with sending our other child to college two years from now. Let her feel that she can do what she puts her mind to and will do great things.

My prayer is that you will give her a certainty in her core that you will lead her if she'll let you. Quieten her anxiety. We pray that you will bring people alongside her to lift her and give her confidence. We pray that she will fall in love with you and desire to truly follow you, that you will bring true friendships and that she won't be on the fringe. Thank you for this opportunity.

I pray for my daughter in this journey she begins. Help me to be the father she still needs. Help me as I mourn her leaving and rejoice in what you have in mind for her.

Lord, please keep your mighty hand on Samford, its faculty and students. Please lead, guide, guard and direct their hearts and minds so that in all they do, you will be glorified. Particularly for our son, our prayer is for him to grow in his love and service for you. Please watch over him and protect him always.

My prayer is for you to take our son and put your hands around him and protect him. Show him your grace and power in all situations. Give him understanding that you are there for him in all ways. Show him your grace.

My prayer is to trust God with the finances so our daughter can continue at Samford. We pray her health will hold out and that our daughter will be within your will. We pray that you, God, will hold her close to you and that you will bless her with a godly husband and family.

I pray for protection and peace for all our family, as these are major life changes.

I pray for each student beginning their time here at Samford. Let each of them know that you are their strength and salvation. Be with each faculty member as they lead these children into adulthood. Thank you, God, for our son.

Dearest Heavenly Father, I ask that you bless our son as he embarks on this amazing opportunity. Be with him and wash away his fears and apprehension. Lord, let his personality shine through his shyness. Let everyone see his true love and gifts. Lord, we pray over our family as we adjust to life without him at home. Allow us to grow closer, trust you more and rely on our faith. Finally, I ask that the finances all fall into place to help make this the most amazing experience! I love you, Lord!

Thank you, Lord, for Samford and for the wholesome and holy place it provides for my grandson. I trust you to protect, guide and speak to him during his transition to college life. Calm his mind and his nerves. Provide the financial support his parents need and enable them to trust that your strength is enough. Thank you, thank you, Lord.

I pray that God will bless our family business so that we can continue Christian education at Samford. I pray that our daughter will be loved and accepted by her new friends and that she will grow in his confidence and blessings. I pray for her to be loved and known.

God, I pray for my daughter as she makes the next journey in her life. I pray that she makes good decisions and lots of friends. I pray that she is very successful in the future. Thank you!

My prayer is that God will be the center of the lives of our girls and that they will realize he is in control. Calm their fears and be with them. Calm our fears as we let them go. Let them always turn to you when they are fearful.

God, help me trust you fully with my daughter as we prepare to leave her in August. May she stand firm in her faith in Jesus and grow daily in her walk with you.

I pray for our son to realize his calling, for him to be bold to proclaim it and to positively influence those around him. I pray for his relationship with Christ to be restored. I pray that my wife and I will know the next steps for church involvement and witnessing.

Lord, I give you our son to do with his life more than I can hope and imagine. It has been a difficult few years of high school. Satan has attacked in many ways. Please draw him close to you! I pray these four years will be a time that more than anything he becomes close to you and follows your will for his life. Thank you!

Father, our family is and will be undergoing massive changes. We don't know where we are going to live in two months. Help me, help us, help them to trust, to believe, to know you are sovereign and that your plan is for the good.

My prayer is that our daughter would know who she is in Christ and will lean on him daily to navigate this new chapter in her life. I pray that she would grow in her faith, make godly friends and that she would be able to glorify the Lord. Lord, I pray for her protection, wisdom, discernment and steadfastness. I pray for myself to bear this transition well.

My prayer, Lord, is that you watch over our daughter, that you protect her, surround her with godly people and give her the wisdom she needs to make the right choices. Fill her heart and head with your direction and will.

I pray that our precious daughter, once a sad and lonely child, will realize God's love for her, plans for her, and that she has friends here at Samford who will encourage her in her walk with the Lord. I pray for her professors, that they would love her and instruct her. May we trust you, Lord!

This time is tough but it is good. Our daughter is ready, or so she thinks she is. I think so, too. But Satan makes me question, did I pour enough of you, Jesus, in her? But I trust you will take the mistakes and use them, the truth we've taught to grow. She is yours.

I pray that our son's journey through Samford will allow God to steer him to a future to fulfill his purpose and passion. I also pray that his faith, friendships and future continue to unfold in a future free of health problems.

God, I am so thankful that my son has the opportunity to attend Samford. Help me to trust you to take care of him and our family finances for the next four years. Draw him (and us) closer to you. Bless his brother, who needs you in his life. I'm grateful for all our children that you have blessed my life with. I love being a mom!

My prayer is that our child will find and stay involved in a local church.

Dear God, thank you for bringing us to Samford, a true answer to my prayers that began when our children were 18 months old. I'm sorry, God, that I worried this year as we made this decision. You had it all along. With that in mind, Lord, remind me that you have this. You have us in your hands as we transition. Remind me, O God, that you have all of us in your hands. Make me give it all to you.

My prayer is for my sweet daughter, that she puts her future at college at God's feet. I pray for guidance for her in all things she does here at Samford. I pray she extends grace and mercy to others as Jesus has extended it to us. I pray that she will be a light to all she comes in contact with and holds fast to her faith. We love her!

I pray for our child to be a light and shine through leadership, relationships, best friends, organizations, attitudes toward parents, evidence of what his major and career should be, his heart for the Lord and academics. As parents, we pray for our anxiousness of being empty nesters and letting go to watch him thrive and shine for Jesus.

My prayer for my son is that he will be happy. I pray that he will maintain his strong faith and love and serve Christ. I pray that he will be a great husband and father. I pray that Samford will be the catalyst and foundation for all of these things.

I pray that Samford will be everything the girls have prayed for and more and that God will continue to do a good work in and through them! I pray that the light that shines through them will be noticed and desired by all around them.

Lord, please use this season to humble our daughter. You are near the broken-hearted and you save those who are crushed in spirit. Lord, I ask you to humble her so that she can really know you and she will find salvation.

I pray for God to cover the Class of 2023 as they begin their journey in their new home. May God keep them physically safe while they grow in his word and push themselves spiritually and mentally into the adults that he has planned them to be.

God, please be with our son as he makes this transition. Please pull him closer to you and show him your path for his life to glorify you. Please be with his coaches, teachers, advisors and friends. Please guide and protect him. Please allow us to celebrate your works through him. Lord, we love you. We need you. We trust you and we thank you!

Lord, we pray for your loving mercy to cover our daughter's heart. May she seek you first and only.

Dear Lord, I am so grateful that you have led our daughter to this place of faithfulness. I pray that she feels your holy presence everyday she is here. I pray her faith will grow and she will be a light for you and not keep her faith to herself but share it with the world.

Thank you, God, for blessing our girls. Thank you for the Christian education that you have led them to. Please be with them as they start this new journey. Help them adjust and be strong in you.

Dear Heavenly Father, I ask for your strength and courage to trust you, not just with our daughter's academic road, but with her life, ultimately. Give me your wisdom to parent her well during this season. Grab hold of her heart in a new and deeper way.

My prayer is that God watches over all students and gives them protection and continued guidance to make great choices and that they have love in their hearts today, tomorrow and forever.

I pray that God will better guide my thoughts as a parent. I pray that I will allow him to lead and that I will follow what he wants for my family. I pray for safety for my children and strength for our family.