

Samford Prayer Walk



Thank you for walking the campus of Samford University and praying. We hope this map will be useful as a guide or as inspiration in voicing your own prayers.

A—Ralph Waldo Beeson

Look up Centennial Walk toward Davis Library.

Lord God, as we approach your throne in prayer, we acknowledge you as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. You are sovereign over all and worthy to be exalted and praised. You say in James 5:16 the earnest prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available and is dynamic in its working. Thank you that you watch over your Word to perform it (Jer. 1:12).

We, as intercessors, pour out our hearts like water before your face and lift our hands toward you for the lives of Samford students and all here who touch their lives both directly and indirectly (Lam. 2:19).

We pray for:

Samford University: to follow Christ's example and to remain true to its mission to nurture students "for God, for learning, forever."

Boards of Trustees and Overseers: for wisdom and discernment as they make decisions and provide direction for the university.

We thank you for giving wisdom, knowledge and understanding (Prov. 2:6).

Turn toward the main gate.

We ask you, dear Lord, to command your angels concerning Samford University, to guard each one who enters these gates in all of their ways (Psalm 91:11).

Look up the hill to the right of the American flag to the president's home.

President Andrew Westmoreland: for health, wisdom and spiritual encouragement as he leads and represents Samford University.

Lord, bless Dr. Westmoreland and his family and keep them; make your face shine upon them and be gracious to them; may you show favor to them and give them peace (Num. 6:24–26).

B—Thomas D. Russell Hall

Vice Presidents and Deans: that they may be good stewards of time, talents and energy as they manage the affairs of the university, strengthen the campus, and administer policies and programs.

Faculty: that they teach, research and write with a passion for learning, and that they impart wisdom and encouragement to their students.

University Staff: that they offer students encouragement in abundance and find strength in the challenges their work brings.

Thank you, Lord, that you bless these men and women in their work as they find wisdom and gain your understanding (Prov. 3:13).

C—James Horton Chapman Hall

University Ministers and the Office of Spiritual Life: that the ministers and staff lead and mentor with wisdom and sensitivity and design worship and spiritual events to nurture the faith of students.

Student Home Groups: that student facilitators gain wisdom and discernment as they lead Bible studies weekly for students, that groups grow in Christ, and that the homes of Samford faculty members hosting groups be blessed.

Father, as we marvel at your creation and admire the trees here, we pray our students, faculty and staff are like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit (Jer. 17:8).

D—A. Hamilton Reid Chapel

Worship: that weekly convocation and other worship events held in Reid Chapel will be God-centered.

Oh, Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, as our university community attends convocations and other services here in Reid Chapel, may the words of their mouths and the meditations of their hearts be pleasing and acceptable to you (Psalm 19:14). Remind us all that our greatest blessing comes when we take the focus off ourselves and put it entirely on you in worship and praise.

E—Percy Pratt Burns Hall

Guest Campus Ministry Organizations: that the leaders focus on Christian community, spiritual growth and a commitment to global missions, and that students desire to worship and learn.

Area Churches: that their ministries, worship and services enhance the spiritual life of Samford students and promote glorifying God in all aspects of life.

Lord, help our students desire to be in the house of the Lord (Psalm 122:1) and want to fellowship with other believers (Heb. 10:25).

F—Memory Leake Robinson Hall

Graduate Programs: that the students of all graduate programs (arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, health sciences and law) be well equipped for their careers and find endurance and wisdom as they further their education.

As we are drawn toward the sound of moving water in this fountain, remind us of your Word that says the fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, and reveal this to our graduate students (Prov. 14:27).

G—Harwell G. Davis Library

Students: that each grows in knowledge, faith and wisdom.

Student Leaders: that their skills and leadership grow and glorify God as they serve their fellow students and their campus.

Global Students: that they find a home on our campus, thrive in this culture and develop lasting friendships.

Lord, thank you for providing Samford with this magnificent library. Please help our students remember that the heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; the ears of the wise seek it out (Prov. 18:15). While we stand in the center of campus, we ask you to keep our students and employees in the center of your will. We pray their relationships with you, Father, will grow, and they will seek your will for their lives (Phil. 1:9–10).

H—Benjamin Brown Plaza

Family Life: that the relationships between students and their families develop and deepen as students transition into adulthood.

Fellow Parents: that God will richly satisfy, renew and give wisdom to all parents as they enter and navigate a new season of family life.

We are thankful, Lord, that our students honor their mothers and fathers (Eph. 6:2) and listen to their wise instruction and teaching (Prov. 1:8). Lord, in this place, we are reminded you are the Living Water, and we ask that if any student or staff member is thirsty, you will draw them to yourself to drink (John 7:30). We know this water you give them will become, in them, a spring of water welling up to eternal life (John 4:14).

I—Ralph W. Beeson University Center

Office of Campus Life: that the staff effectively promote community on campus and find creative and healthy ways to bring enjoyment and help relieve stress for students.

Campus Counseling Services: that the counselors help students find peace and solutions to life's difficulties and students in need have the courage to ask for help.

Samford Student Organizations: that the opportunities for students to find and utilize their passions be plentiful, productive and honoring to God.

Prince of Peace, remind our students and employees to know when they are weary and burdened they can come to you for rest and you will give it (Matt. 11:28). Your Word also says you do not give a spirit of fear but a spirit of power, love and of sound mind (2 Tim. 1:7).

J—John D. Pittman Hall, Lena Vail Davis Hall and Mamie Mell Smith Hall

Look uphill to the immediate left to Pittman Hall and farther uphill to Vail Hall and Smith Hall.

Residence Life: that residence life coordinators, resident managers, resident assistants and spiritual life assistants have wisdom to understand and to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the students in all residence halls.

We boldly ask that resident and nonresident students will clothe themselves with you, Lord, and not think or act in a way that would gratify the desires of a sinful nature (Rom. 13:14). Help them to set aside any deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light (Rom. 13:12).

K—F. Page Seibert Stadium

Look across the road to the athletics fields.

Athletic Teams: that they grow spiritually through their sports, be honorable in their actions, and be protected in their travel, preparation and participation.

Lord, we thank you that you will send angels to encamp and protect our athletes who fear you (Psalm 34:7). Help our athletes to be strong and courageous; not to fear or be dismayed (1 Chron. 22:13).

Turn around and look toward Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel

Global Mission Programs: for students embarking to share the gospel around the world, for their leaders and for the journey of sharing the love of Christ beyond the campus.

Samford's Global Commitment: to have a global reach both educationally and missionally.

Efforts to Deepen Diversity: that Samford continue to foster ethnic, racial and spiritual diversity so our community is a safe and welcoming place for all.

Amazing Lord, as we are struck by the beauty of this chapel, we pray that all of us will remember your great commission to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything you have commanded in your Word (Matt. 28:19–20).

L—Gertha Itasca Earwood Bolding Memorial Garden

Campus Facilities: that those who study, play, work and worship in all campus facilities be good stewards and blessed by the use of these buildings and the grounds.

Blessed Jehovah Jireh, you are our faithful provider, and your Word says all good and perfect gifts come from you (James 1:17). As we admire this beautiful campus and its stately buildings, we are thankful our students, staff and community care for it with honor and respect (Luke 12:48).

M—Bonnie Bolding Swearingen Hall

School of the Arts Performing Ensembles: that their talents and abilities glorify God and bring audiences joy as they use their gifts to perform locally, nationally and internationally.

Publications: that the school newspaper, student magazines, yearbook and other media productions communicate with integrity and honorably represent you and the university.

We thank you, God, that these students are filled with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding and in knowledge and in all craftsmanship (Exod. 35:31). Thank you for musicians who are appointed to raise sounds of joy (1 Chron. 15:16)!

N—Frank Park Samford Hall

Student Financial Needs: that families and financial aid specialists work together to find the resources needed for students to manage wisely the financial aspects of college life.

Samford Admission Office: for the counselors who travel across the country and the families they work with to make good decisions about the future.

Young Alumni: that recent graduates be encouraged by the faithfulness of God and their education from Samford as they look for employment and make early adulthood decisions.

Samford Alumni: for the thousands of Samford graduates who represent our university and share the gospel in their communities and professions around the world.

As we approach the building where student financial needs are handled, we trust you to supply all of their needs because you own the cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10). We pray that financial restraints will never hinder a student you call to Samford from attending here. We pray, also, that financial restraints will never hinder Samford University from accomplishing its full purpose.

Return to the statue of Ralph Waldo Beeson.

Thankfulness: for God's blessings on Samford University and the continuation of his Kingdom work in this place.

God, as we conclude this prayer walk, we are in awe of what you have done at Samford University and give you thanks with our whole hearts as we recount all of your wonderful deeds (Psalm 9:1). We thank you because you are good and your steadfast love endures forever (1 Chron. 16:34). We enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise. We bless your name (Psalm 100:4). Thank you, Lord, that your Word never returns void, and that it is powerful and effective (Isa. 55:11). Thank you that you highly favor Samford University. We ask you to bless this university, its students and its employees abundantly and immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20).

Amen.