

Commencement 2010

Invocation

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As we gather together for the 87th Commencement of Rosemont College, let us take a moment to quiet our hearts and minds in prayer.

Our God, we ask you to be with us as we, the Rosemont College Class of 2010, celebrate our commencement ceremony.

We ask that you help us through this bittersweet culmination of our time at Rosemont College. While our Commencement marks the end of one part of our lives, it also celebrates a new beginning. Please fill our lives with joy and optimism as we embark on our future endeavors. Help us to meet challenges with the open heart and open mind admirably demonstrated by Cornelia Connelly. Our God, please help us to foster these gifts in the world, as we use our talents confidently to make a difference.

The Class of 2010 is a unique class filled with strong, motivated, charismatic, and inspiring women and men. We have been active participants in the classroom, on the athletic fields, in clubs, and in Campus Ministry. Likewise, our counterparts in the Schools of Graduate and Professional Studies have excelled in their scholastic efforts at Rosemont. Please watch over us all as we strive to be wise and loving leaders in the future.

As you bless the members of the Class of 2010, please also bless the many guests in attendance today. Without the unwavering support of our parents, family, and friends, we could not have reached this joyous moment. This auspicious day is not only our achievement, it's also theirs. Please take care of them, just as they have loved us.

Finally, the faculty, staff, and administration at Rosemont College have been tremendously helpful to us, devoting countless hours to our education. We are forever grateful for their kind efforts. Please bless and guide them as they continue to live out the Mission of this Institution of Higher Learning.

Our God, we thank you for this beautiful day and the many wonderful people who are sharing it with us. I'd like to conclude with one of the most important prayers from the Quran called Al-Fatihah, "The opening" It's seven verses are a prayer for God's guidance and stress the lordship and mercy of God:

Bismillah Ar-Rahman Ar-Raheem
Al-hamdu lillahi Rabb il-'alamin
Ar-Rahman Ar-Raheem
Maliki yawmi-d-Din
Iyya-ka na'budu wa iyya-ka nasta'in
Ihdina-sirat al-mustaqim
Sirat al-ladhina an'amta 'alai-him
Ghair il-Maghdubi 'alai-him wa la-d-dallin

Translation of Surah Al-Fatiha (The Opening)
In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful
Praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds,

The Beneficent, the Merciful.
Owner of the Day of Judgment,
Thee (alone) we worship; Thee (alone) we ask for help.
Guide us on the straight path,
The path of those whom Thou hast favored;
Not (the path) of those who earn Thine anger nor of those who go astray.
(1 : 1-7)