

## **Blessing for Female Students and Families on Move-in Day**

*Family members are invited to place their hands on their student's shoulder or head and join in this prayer, and to pray along with Fr. Ray Dlugos by scanning the QR code below.*

Loving and gracious, God,  
we ask that you embrace (family says name of student)  
with your loving protection  
as she begins life today as a Merrimack College Warrior.

Inspire her with the wisdom she will need  
to make good decisions each day.  
Bless her with friendships that are faithful and fun,  
supportive and loyal.

Help this Community to welcome her warmly  
so that she can find a place among us  
to receive all we have to offer  
and to enrich us with her unique gifts and abilities.

Teach her to know herself more deeply each day  
and to discover that  
you are closer to her than she is to herself.

Unlock the gifts,  
talents and potential you have created in her  
and help her to learn how to bring  
all of that to the fullness of life, love, and service.

Fill the hearts of her parents and family members  
with the trust they need in you,  
in their daughter, and in this Community,  
so that she may find herself apart from them,  
holding her close while letting her go,  
so that she may become the person  
you are calling and creating her to be.

And finally, O God,  
during this time of heightened danger,  
we ask that you keep her,  
all of the members of this College Community,  
and all of our families safe from harm and sickness  
during this new semester.

We ask this of you  
confident in your care for us and for all of your children.

Amen.



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