

Blessing for Male 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 he begins life today as a Merrimack College Warrior.

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

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

Teach him to know himself more deeply each day
and to discover that
you are closer to him than he is to himself.

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

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

And finally, O God,
during this time of heightened danger,
we ask that you keep him,
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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