

Yale Class of 1962 60th Reunion
Litany of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Gracious and loving Creator of the earth and of all things; source of goodness, comfort and strength: receive our thanksgiving and prayers for our classmates gone before us. For early memories of them as roommates and suite-mates; for the sharing of time over books, over meals, over dates and plans for the weekend; for the persons they had become and were becoming.

(All) *We give our thanks.*

For the joys they experienced in life; for their families, and especially their children; for good times we enjoyed with them through the years, and for the little things that connected us to them; for the love they shared with others, and for their commitment to causes in which they believed and which they supported.

(All) *We give our thanks.*

For the many and often profound ways they used their talents and gifts; for services rendered to their communities; for their contributions through tasks fulfilled and challenges met; for their loyalty and service to Yale; and for the ways they sought to make life better for others.

(All) *We give our thanks.*

For those who sacrificed their lives in service to their country; for those who died too young but whose accomplishments we nonetheless recall; and for those who suffered adversity, loss and protracted ill health and endured them with courage.

(All) *We give our thanks.*

We pray also for those whose sense of loss and grief is most keenly felt: the wives, brothers and sisters, children, grandchildren, and friends of our deceased classmates. May they experience through your spirit not only consolation but the power and peace of shared affection with those who continue on.

(All) *Hear our prayer.*

We remember our classmates who might be here today except for illness or disability, the recent loss of a spouse or other family member, or some other disability; may they, too, be in our thoughts as we recall all those who enriched our college years.

(All) *Hear our prayer.*

Finally, we pray for ourselves, men and women still blessed with sufficient health and vigor to experience this weekend together. May we be a comfort to one another. Bless our

children and grandchildren, and help us to inspire in them hope for a future at least as bright as our past. Deepen our affections, and help us to make the years remaining to us as pleasant for others as we possibly can. And now, in the words of the old prayer, "support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and evening has come, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your great mercy grant us safe lodging and peace at the last."