

# Leaving Home

## *A Blessing ...*

A blessing is a thank you,  
a wish, a dream,  
a message of hope,  
an acknowledgement  
of joys and sorrows,  
a celebration,  
a passing of time,  
a gathering of people and  
thoughts, a reflection,  
time to be still,  
a time to jump with joy,  
a time of quiet meditation,  
a gift of love  
and a prayer.

*God's grace and peace  
as you discern God's new call*

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## **A Blessing for A Young Person**

This Blessing is written for a  
young person leaving home.  
It can be adapted for other  
situations.

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*Gather together the parent(s), siblings, and close friends with the young person.*

### **Read by a parent or sibling:**

Philippians 1: 3, 9 “I thank my God every time I remember you. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight.”

Reflection: As you leave, always remember how much we love you and cherish you. May your learning contribute to your education and make you appreciate even more the love in our home.

Prayer: Lord, fill this young person with the assurance of the love and pride of his/her parents, siblings, and friends.

### **Read by a parent:**

Philippians 4: 6 “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”

Reflection: We know that you may be afraid that you will disappoint us or fail. Always know that we are here to encourage you.

Prayer: Dear Lord, be with our child. Take away worry and anxiety and fill him/her with excitement at this new challenge.

### **Read by a parent:**

Proverbs 4: 11-13 “I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hampered; and if you run, you will not stumble.

Keep hold of instruction; do not let her go; guard her, for she is your life.”

Reflection: It may be scary to be on your own. You will make your own choices. Be aware that your instincts and conscience can protect you from bad experiences.

Prayer: Lord, hold him/her by the hand. May exploration lead to new joys.

### **Read by a friend:**

Proverbs 17:7 “A friend loves at all times..”

Reflection: You are moving towards independence. Know that friends are a gift, whether old or new.

Prayer: Lord, we pray that old and new friendships be rich and deep. Nurture them with the willingness to listen and treasure them. Bless these friendships as a gift from God.

### **Read by the young person:**

I Timothy 4:12 “Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

Reflection: As I take on an independent life, please be patient with me, and I will be patient with you. I will strive to maintain open communication.

Prayer: Lord, help me to grow in independence. Reassure my parents and friends that I will be guarded by the love of God.

