

North Park Theological Seminary
Consecration Prayer, Convocation
August 29, 2019

Lord Jesus, we offer our thanks and praise to You for Your profound gifts of Knowledge, Learning, Discourse, Wisdom and Truth.

On this day, we lift to You, the hearts, minds, bodies and labors of ALL students of North Park Theological Seminary this year.

Before us today we have the precious students who will seek Your wisdom, guidance and grace as Seminarians studying on our campus. And joining them in places distant from this sacred chapel, but deeply held in our hearts — in places of freedom and in places of restraint — we seek Your Hand of safety and your gift of Grace. For we know that education may grant us freedom, and knows no restraint.

Inspire them all, dear Lord. Encourage them as they begin. Quiet any anxiety, we pray, and help them to draw peace knowing that You have called them here to study, to learn, and to grow. You know the ministries for which You are preparing these students, and we trust You with that future. Sustain the energy in these dear ones, when they grow tired. Allow the rich fellowship that You so joyfully give when students come together in search of knowledge and maturity.

For our beloved faculty who will teach and guide, we thank you. Sustain them in their work, Lord, as they inspire and strengthen our students in knowledge and experience. Thank you for drawing them to this sacred work, and for their devotion to this vital mission.

For a talented and dedicated staff and leadership, who will support and encourage our students by offering their assistance and their presence, we give You thanks.

And finally, for a renewed, refreshed and beautiful new space in which to dwell — for the generosity and inspiration of gracious alumni and friends who responded to our invitation and Your call to renew this magnificent building in which we worship You today — we give You thanks.

We lay this year before You, Oh Lord — trusting in You. May we cling to the promise that You have called these students, and You will likewise equip them.

We praise You, we thank You, we worship You — Lord Jesus. And in Your precious name we pray, Amen.