

A Prayer for Match Day

Read as a responsive reading with those gathered to support the students on Match Day

Community of Support:

Lord, we thank you for the gift of these loved ones, these students whom you dearly love. Thank you for bringing them to this day, by your provision and faithfulness.

Students:

Lord, you have steadily walked this journey of medical school with us each and every day. You have been with us as we studied, as we saw our first patients, and as we rejoiced over making a correct diagnosis. You have also been beside us in our learning as we answered questions incorrectly or struggled with anxiety about exams. You loved us during all these experiences.

Community of Support:

You have been with all of us throughout this journey. Now these students are at a place where the road turns. They will be sent to different places to continue their journey and today we find out where this road leads. None of this is a surprise to you, Lord, you are the one inviting them into this next stage of their journey.

Students:

Lord, we are anxious, excited, nervous, and even afraid. Where will each of us be going and what will this next season bring? Remind us of your loving presence with us. As Moses shared these words with Joshua, would we be encouraged by them as well, "The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deut. 31:8

Community of Support:

Lord, we come to you in this time of uncertainty and anticipation. We know that you have led these students this far. Help them trust you in these next steps and remember your promise to never leave them. Surround them with your peace. Guide them in your wisdom.

Students:

Lord, wherever you send us, help us to treat patients with humility and compassion, seeking for you to heal and restore them. May we live out the love and grace that we have so abundantly received from you.

Everyone: Amen