

Proposed Litany for CEOS' Weekend of Hope and Prayer

- L: Eternal God who created us one and told us to multiply and replenish the earth, you have blessed us with sons and endowed them with abilities and great potential to develop themselves in the true likeness of You, their Creator
- P: As they face the challenges of life and the voices and attractions that demand their attention and as they go through preparation in our schools at the various levels; O Lord, we beseech You to guide them and help them to stay focused on the important things of life
- L: We thank you for your instructions to train them in the way they should go and for your design that they should be sturdy oak trees but Lord you see lure of filthy lucre, the attractions of the world, the pall of apathy and the glitter of the easy that are distracting them from your purpose
- P: Bless them, O, Lord with supernatural powers to resist and stick-to-itiveness to withstand all the darts and allurements the enemy of souls throws at them; surround them with your hosts and help them to choose to wear the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness and the shield of faith
- L: Above everything, we desire them to come to know, love and be directed by you. Help them to grow mentally, physically, spiritually and socially and so fulfill your plans for their lives as they love their parents, their teachers, their siblings, their peers, and enjoy your manifold gifts.
- P: Whatever life holds for them and wherever it takes them, help them to ever praise you, pray to you under all circumstances, study your Words, practice their faith and keep holding on to the best things that can enable them to succeed as responsible persons.
- L: Look with favor today, tomorrow and always at these our sons and young men whose enrollment in colleges and universities is declining and whose attention is being diverted to love things and use people rather than the reverse which is your design for the greater good of the world
- P: Bless them O God and give them courage to stand above the fray and be true to you.
- L: Support and enable their parents to show them love and direct them on the path of endurance to succeed when the young people have lost faith in themselves.
- P: Save these precious people who are part of our hope for the future and the legacy we leave for your world.
- L: We present to you now O Lord the declining numbers of young men in college and universities
- P: Reverse this downward slide we pray!
- L: Empower teachers to give their best to young men so that they will embrace education as a key to unlock their full potentials for the betterment of the world
- P: Grant all responsible for the upbringing of young men patience, kindness and a gentle spirit that will inspire them in their time of challenges.
- L: Look down upon our sons, our brothers, uncles, and young men generally with mercy and compassion
- P: Inspire hope in them and grant them desire for education and inspiration to complete college
- L: Help our sons and young men to see the potential with which you created them and that you love them sincerely and they are your precious and special gifts to parents and the world
- P: We celebrate their gifts and strengths; help them dream dreams and see them come to fruition. Bless them today, tomorrow and always. Lavish your love, mercy and affection on them for our hopes and the hopes of future generations rest on their shoulders. Bless them, God of all Creation, we pray. Amen!