

CONVOCATION 2020

Good and gracious God, as I look upon this group of freshmen,
the Class of 2024,

I see a large class of young men and women who have come to
Loyola University Chicago

who have come here to be the recipients of a Jesuit education.

We are grateful that you have chosen to be here, to become
persons for others,

You young people have lived through many tragedies in your
young lives.

You are now called the generation of change for the good.

Yes, we will count on you to develop as extraordinary persons
interested in social justice and social equity.

Today your speaker will introduce you to many ideas that will
help you make the world a better place for all people. You have
read his book during the summer, so you can relate to his talk.

Conversation in your classrooms and in your various student
groups will strengthen your thoughts as you progress through
the years.

As Loyola students it will be a pleasure to see you develop as
you study, as you form new relationships and prepare yourself

for the future. In your preparation you need to consider your dreams; don't let anyone stop you from reaching them.

We ask our God to bless you while you are here with us at Loyola. We ask that He guide you as you plan your future. We ask our God to bless your families for entrusting you to our care.

Your first year in college may be different from what you thought it would be. It is also different for us who will be with you.

But, we hope to help make it the best years you have ever had.

Things will be very different from high school. Schedules, courses will be different from what your older siblings studied. Yours will be a unique experience for you.

Make the most of it.

We will expect you to participate in university experiences as far as we can have university events, sports, clubs, athletics. You are all Ramblers now and we expect you to have fun as Ramblers do.

Amen

God bless you

GO RAMBLERS

Good and gracious God as you look upon these young physicians, graduating residents and graduating fellows of the Department of Anesthesiology, Stritch School of Medicine of Loyola University Chicago we ask that you bless them and their families. We are proud of their accomplishments.

They are your treasures. O God, who follow you closely and love you dearly.

As they travel the next phase of their journey they will do so with a concern for social justice, a global awareness and love for their neighbor.

They have experienced many tragedies in their young lives, the greatest of which has been COVID 19, the likes of which we have never before witnessed.

Graduating in the medical field has made them more conscious of the need for a vaccine and for careful vigilance, the need for faith and hope in you.

These graduates are your front line leaders, God, so we ask that you protect them, so that they may care for your people and be instruments in combatting this virus.

God bless each of you. Follow your dreams and GO RAMBLERS.

GRADUATION CARDINAL STRITCH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Good and gracious God as we participate in this virtual graduation of the men and women of Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine, we ask you to bless them in a special way. During their young lives they have experienced countless tragedies, of which COVID-19 has been so devastating to human life.

Their years of medical school have prepared them to face many illnesses, many emergencies, many heartaches. In each of these circumstances you have given them the grace and the strength to perform responsibly.

Their Jesuit education has prepared them to offer services that are consoling and filled with hope; they themselves have become persons for others; persons who are globally aware who continue to work for the glory of God.

God, please bless the families who have been affected as a result of COVID 19; bless them and the loved ones whom they have lost.

We ask for peaceful celebrations in our city, our country and in our world.

Finally, we ask you, God, to bless these graduates, their parents, spouses and all their loved ones. Amen.

GO RAMBLERS

COMMENCEMENT

AUGUST 8, 2020

Good and gracious God, as we participate in this virtual commencement ceremony

of the men and women of Loyola University Chicago,
Class of 2020,

we ask that you bless them in a special way.

We thank God for you, our graduates, who are Jesuit educated

and therefore are persons for others who are prepared for the present and for the future.

You are extraordinary persons who love your neighbor, are globally aware and who work for the glory of God.

We thank our God for you because you are ready to offer services that are consoling and full of hope;

you are ready to become involved in problem solving situations where social justice needs to be observed;

goals need to be negotiated and equity must be practiced.

You are the generation of change for the good.

We thank our God that as we look back to fall 2019

when we celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit

you heard the reading of our 150th anniversary prayer.

“We are called to the **future** where there is no magical formula; no distinct path to follow.

What we do know is that you will be with us, O God, in the decision making process as we respond to our **call—our call to walk the new path, to create the new programs”**

—we had no idea what all that meant until the Corona Virus struck so violently

and we answered our call with your assistance and cooperation.

Today we ask our God to bless your families and all who have supported you during your years at Loyola;

to bless all who have been affected by COVID-19

and to provide peaceful solutions in our cities, our country and in the world.

Graduates, you are God’s treasures, you **are** ready—so “go forth and set the world on fire”.

AMEN

CONGRATULATIONS

GO RAMBLERS

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS FALL INVOCATION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

Good and gracious God, as we the members of the Quinlan School of Business gather together today for our fall 2020 meeting we ask your special blessings upon all of us and our students.

The fall period this year has a different kind of beginning from other years when we did in person teaching and learning; however, we are more prepared to approach our different style of teaching and our students are more adept to it as well.

When COVID-19 startled us upon its rapid development all over the world we were taken off guard; however, God you came to our aid and assisted us to complete the last academic year.

What we continue to do is not easy because the virus has affected our lives in so many ways. We need to believe that some good will come out of the many issues we face: Covid 19, issues regarding racism and culture, violence and death. We ask you, God, to help us be positive as we perform our academic responsibilities; to keep in mind that some good must come as a result of all these factors. We believe that we will show more respect for each other, that we will be more tolerant and that we will examine our lives more carefully.

At the close of each day let us think not only about how we could have done better, but let us also “give ourselves a pat on the back” for what we did well. We believe that is what St. Ignatius wanted us to do.

So, God, we ask that you help us to be positive, to convince ourselves that we are working for your honor and glory as we prepare our students to become extraordinary people, the future leaders of our churches, our cities and our world.

AMEN

GOD BLESS YOU

GO RAMBLERS