

Commissioning Service

introduction

This is CM Sunday—a day set aside to dedicate students, educators, and others who take their ministry role on campus seriously and as a call from the Lord.

Not every person needs to physically go to a school. We want to pray for the schools, as well as teachers and administrators, by name. We want to intercede on behalf of our own students who need a faithful prayer umbrella over them, and we need to pray for kids who need Christ.

(This a great time to present the Prayer Zone Partners brochure from Youth Alive. This is designed so adults can adopt one or more schools to consistently pray for the students, administrators and teachers on a regular basis. PZP brochures can be ordered by calling 1.800.641.4310 and requesting item 731–324. They can also be ordered from the online store at www.yausa.com. The brochures come in packages of 100. Additionally, PZP static stickers, item 731–325, are available to serve as a reminder to pray.)

(Ask all students to be commissioned as campus missionaries to come to the front of the room. Read 1 Timothy 4:10–13. Invite parents and adults who would commit to be Prayer Zone Partners for these students and the local area schools to please come forward to pray for each student.)

As campus missionaries, you are about to embark upon a great year of service to the Lord. This will be an incredible time, but it may also be a difficult challenge as the enemy tries to hinder, distract, or even destroy your ministry in any way that he can. I encourage you to be in the Word and in prayer on a daily basis. Without that personal time with the Lord, you will not be able to stand.

We recognize the importance of having accountability and not standing alone. It is imperative that you remain connected to your youth pastor and allow him/her to encourage you. Also, allow these parents and adults to become your prayer partners. That is why they stand with you today.

By standing here today, you have chosen to be commissioned as a campus missionary. You are asking God to give you strength. In return, you are pledging to do the will of your Heavenly Father on your campus. You heard His call, and today we are standing with you as you seek to dedicate your lives to serve His purpose on your campuses.

(Note: Refer to or read the commitments of a campus missionary: **pray, live, tell, serve, give.**)

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The person who commissions the students will read the following questions, and in unison, the students respond "I will."

1. Will you **pray** daily for a passion for lost souls and for their hearts to become softened to the message of hope?
2. Will you **live** your life as an example of Jesus Christ so that the world will see Christ through you?
3. Will you actively place yourself around those who are in need of Christ with the express purpose of drawing them to the Father and **telling** them the good news?
4. Will you **pray** for and take opportunities to share Christ?
5. Will you seek opportunities to **serve** your church, community, and campus?
6. Will you **give** of both your time and finances to your church's local, national, and international mission efforts?

If you have said "I will" to each of these questions, then we now commission you to be missionaries sent out by (name of your church) to reach campuses, neighborhoods, and students in our community.

Adults, tonight we are asking you to pray daily and lay your hands and your mantle, as Elijah did for Elisha in 2 Kings 2, on them and to pray for a double portion of God's Spirit to fall on them.

suggestion

Have the senior pastor come up and pray the prayer of commissioning and give the students something to serve as a mantle. For example, give each campus missionary a lantern to serve as a reminder of his/her commitment to be a campus missionary or place yellow cords as a mantle upon each campus missionary.

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