

Prayers for School Leavers 2020

Year 11 / Year 13 Leavers

God and Father of the whole human family,
I come before you at this important moment in my life,
a time that cannot be marked in the normal ways this year.

It is good for me to reflect on all that has led to this point,
times that I remember with great joy, special achievements,
but also times that I might regret or wish had not happened.
All of these things make me the person I am today,
and it is good for me to be reminded frequently
that nothing puts me outside your love or your family.

Whatever the future, the weeks ahead present me with a new start.
In continuing education or in branching out in new ways,
I have the chance once more to shape the direction of my life,
always recognising that you have the ultimate plan for me.

At this moment, I must recognise that whether or not these years have been the best years
for me, I am a different person for the experiences I have lived through.

Wherever I go in life, and whatever I do,
let me see the best in myself and in others.

May my principles and my values make a contribution to society,
that as I make new friends,
I may influence their lives as much as they influence mine.

May the gift of faith always find a place in my heart, especially in moments of difficulty or
doubt. May I never forget that I am loved unconditionally and that my life is precious to others
and to you, because I am a link in a chain, always part of the wonderful world for which I have
been created. Amen.