

Communication

Scripture Praise Focus: *“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”*
(Ephesians 4:29)

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for speaking to us in your word. We praise you for the gift of communication. Thank you for creating us with the ability to form thought and express it, to sing beautiful verses, to connect with each other, in conversation, and most importantly with you.

May our words have weight. May our words be true. Teach us to encourage each other, in our speech, and in our silence. Help us to know when to use both words and action and when to be still.

As we seek to share the Gospel on our campus, give us wisdom and insight. Help us to effectively communicate your love and justice that meet perfectly in Christ’s life, death and resurrection. We know and trust that your word will not return void. Help us to trust in this promise as we seek to lovingly and boldly share the Gospel with students we encounter.

Father, we know that our tongue is a powerful tool. Thank you for your grace and forgiveness when we do not use this tool well. We hope in knowing you are transforming us into Christ image, daily. Thank you for beginning this work on the Cross. Thank you for continuing this work until its completion. May our words give testimony to the Gospel of grace.

Lord, we pray you will communicate your patience and kindness to these students so they will be able to listen and learn how to model your relational ways. Help them to communicate your love and express their true thoughts and feelings in a spirit of truth.

We also pray the students will develop an authentic, deeply personal relationship with you so they can remain in constant communication with you.

Let the speech that comes from their lips be sweet. May they talk, relate and discuss with others in ways that do not pass judgment, slander or gossip.

In Psalm 15:1-3 David wrote, "Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Lord, who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others."

Please bless these students with a heart to serve you through both words and action as they communicate with others on campus.

Keep them wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

We pray this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen!

Song for meditation: Open the Eyes of My Heart by Michael W. Smith