August 5

Prayer for the New School Year

“I am about to do something new. It is beginning to happen even now. Don’t you see it coming? I am going to make a way for you to go through the desert. I will make streams of water in the dry and empty land.” Isaiah 43:19

Our God,

We, the Rust College family, pause to acknowledge the scope of your mercy and your grace. You are instilling in us a portion of your creative, beneficent energy for compassionate life.

In a spirit of gratitude, obligation, urgency, accountability and humility we come.

We pray for the wisdom to focus with the proper intensity on our tasks as faculty and students exploring the world of learning together. We pray as staff to provide nurturing support for those activities of young people as they prepare themselves to be competent citizens of our world.

As we launch another semester, we pray for enlightenment and empowerment to be agents of your will in a world with new hope for the directions of our nation--but a nation and world in travail. We also must recognize the continued violent chaos throughout the world even as we pray.

Empower and enable us with the things that establish your peace, justice, fairness and dignity of life for all your people of the world.

God, hear our prayer. Amen.

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