August 26

Prayer for a College Men

“Trust in the Lord and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.” Psalm 37:3

Generally, colleges have more females than males. Today, we celebrate all the males past, present, and future who embrace the “faith of Abraham, the humility of Moses, the hospitality of Jethro, the wisdom of Simeon, and the priestly walk of Melchizedek.” We acknowledge that too many men are in prison, but God allows us to witness and experience hope, love, joy, and peace with men who respond to God’s call to be the best they can be.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are most loving and we honor you for your faithfulness and tremendous grace. You are a God from everlasting to everlasting and continue to hold us in your care. As we lift up the Rust College Men, help us to remember thousands of men are incarcerated in prisons. Let us not forget those outside of prison who are in jails of addiction, violence, and emotional and mental pain and anguish. Show the Rust Man how to walk with boys and men in our communities, to help them face the evils of oppression, racism, and poverty. Merciful Lord, help the Rust Man to stand in the gap for those who are fatherless, for those who have no sons yet desire them, for those who have no husbands yet want them, for those who have no male friends but want one. Lord of Lords, we need you! If you do not help us fight this battle, we cannot win. Turn your face toward the Rust College Men and let them see visions of hope, peace, joy, and love in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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