



A BLESSING FOR GRADUATES

**For the village who surrounded you, prayed for you,
and loved you, sometimes without your even knowing it,
give thanks.**

**And for teachers, mentors, and friends who gave you grace,
listened with patience, endured your self-doubt,
and steadily encouraged you,
offer gratitude.**

**For the times you felt alone and bereft of support,
bless you for hanging on and enduring.
May your learning accumulate over time
into deeper wisdom.**

**And may paying attention become a way of life;
and connecting with others, an art form.**

**May your writing, speaking, and thinking grow in clarity.
May you pause, rest, and embrace
the goodness of this milestone.**

**And then with a deep breath, may you renew your purpose
and expand your possible future stories.**

**May your aspirations become gifts to nourish the world.
And may you pay it forward.**





A BLESSING FOR PROFESSORS AND MENTORS

For every assignment given and graded,
for every presentation, test, book review,
and office hour conversation,
give thanks.

And for all the times your students got it
and all the times they did not,
know you gave it your best.

And your efforts were not wasted.

For understanding that only comes with time...

For seeds dropped into the soil that are
yet to grow or bloom...

And for ideas like puzzle pieces
that will only fall into place later,
give thanks.

For your commitment to teaching,
and your love of the subject matter,
and your generosity with students
who find their way into your classroom,
bless you.

May your invisible legacy reach far beyond your
knowing and be part of transforming the world.





A BLESSING FOR FAMILY AND BELOVEDS

**For all that you have given, said, cooked, cleaned, driven,
and done to get your loved one through school,
bless you.**

**For whatever you left unsaid and undone,
whatever you withheld out of love,
whatever it cost,
and whatever you lost, gave up, sacrificed, and paid,
many blessings and deep thanks.**

**For all the love and hope and kindness you lavished
on your beloved student,
blessings and peace.**

**And may the God of love and peace transform
all you have given and not given
into a deeper relationship for making this journey together.**

**And may the bonds you forged multiply and grow
and return to you many times over.**

**May these years of striving and support bloom into a
lifetime of trust and kindness and love.**

