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The following prayers were written by the Campus Ministry staff for the Opening of the Academic Year 2010.

**ORDER OF PRAYER—AUGUST 30, 2010**

*Please stand*

**Leader:** *O God, come to my assistance.*

**All:** O God, make haste to help me.

**HYMN:** Glory and Praise to Our God

*Refrain*

Glory and praise to our God  
who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessing he bears  
to those who trust in his ways.

*Verse*

In his wisdom he strengthens us  
like gold that's tested in fire.  
Though the power of sin prevails,  
our God is there to save.

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*All are seated*

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**READING**

A reading from the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 3, verses 13-18

Happy the one who finds wisdom,

    The one who finds understanding.

For her profit is better than profit in silver

    And better than gold is her revenue.

She is more precious than corals

    And none of your choice possessions can compare with her.

Long life is in her right hand,

    In her left are riches and honor;

Her ways are pleasant ways,

    And all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to those who grasp her,

    And those who hold her fast are happy.

The Word of the Lord.

**Leader:** *Lord, my God, you are great indeed. You are clothed with majesty and glory!*

**Psalm 104**

I will bless you, my God!

You fill the world with awe.

You dress yourself in light,

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In rich majestic light.

*You stretched the sky like a tent,  
Built your house beyond the rain.  
You ride upon the clouds,  
The wind becomes your wings,  
The storm becomes your herald,  
Your servants, bolts of light.*

You made the earth solid,  
Fixed it for good.  
You made the sea like a cloak,  
Covering hills and all.

*At your command  
The sea fled your thunder,  
Swept over mountains,  
Down the valleys to its place.  
You set its limits,  
Never to drown the earth again.*

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All look to you for food

When they hunger;

You provide it and they feed.

You open your hand, they feast;

You turn away, they fear.

*You steal their breath,*

*They drop back into dust.*

*Breathe into them, they rise;*

*The face of the earth comes alive.*

Let God's glory endure

And let God delight in creating.

One look from God, earth quivers;

One touch and mountains erupt.

*I will sing to my God,*

*Make music for God*

*As long as I live.*

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*Let my song give joy to God*

*Who is a joy to me.*

**PSALM-PRAYER**

**Leader:** *God, we praise you for all your marvelous deeds. Help us to live lives that praise you and glorify you.*

**All:** Lord, my God, you are great indeed. You are clothed with majesty and glory!

*Please stand*

**INTERCESSIONS**

The response is *Gracious God, hear us.*

For the Rivier Community embarking on a new Academic year,

That we will be inspired to go about the tasks of the semester in a spirit of service to one another.

We pray: *Gracious God, hear us.*

For the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary,

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That their presence and work on campus, grounded in the charism of Blessed Anne Marie Rivier, will teach us the true beginning of all wisdom.

We pray: *Gracious God, hear us.*

For the faculty and staff,

That their abundant wisdom will guide the students through the challenges and blessings of the coming year.

We pray: *Gracious God, hear us.*

For the students,

That they will encounter and cultivate a new depth of wisdom, more precious than any material possession.

We pray: *Gracious God, hear us.*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

*Leader: May God be before us to show us the way.*

*May God be beside us to protect us.*

**All:** Amen.

*Leader: May God be behind us to keep us safe.*

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*May God be beneath us to catch us when we fall.*

**All:** Amen.

*Leader: May God be within us to comfort us.*

*May God surround us to defend us.*

**All:** Amen.

*Leader: May God be above us to bless us.*

*Blessed be the God of goodness.*

**All:** Amen.