

Litany of Commitment (Sample)

A Litany of Commitment to a Covenant of Learning

Leader: Will all who are able please join me in breathing a cleansing breath?
Please inhale deeply through your nostrils and then exhale through your mouth.
Inhale.....now exhale
Once again

L: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you

L: Let us pray that our spirits as God's breath will strengthen our work as a Teaching
Congregation/Affiliated Congregation (choose one) with (Student's Name) in partnership with
Lexington Theological Seminary.

L: Breathe on us Breath of life,

P: whose breath moved over the chaotic waters of creation then and unto this day.

L: Breath of all humanity,

P: to whom we cry when the waters come up to our necks and we sink in deep mire.

L: We pray for those

P: Who catch their breath in the heat of labor;

L: Who gasp for breath in the throes of suffering and death;

P: Who share their breath when a life hangs in the balance;

L: Who shout their breath at the face of those who prey upon the poor;

P: Who whisper their breath to bid farewell;

L: Who savor their breath in the freshness of morning;

P: Who count their breaths as they cross the threshold of meditation;

L: Who offer their breath to love someone into life who is languishing,

UNISON:

We are grateful for your breath of life when we grasp for the wind of an uncertain future.

We give thanks for your ministry of absence, O empowering breath,

as you trust us to breathe your breath of life as friends of

and in the name of the one who committed his spirit to you.

Breathe on us, breath of God, we pray.

Amen.