

PLU Prayer Guide - Fall Semester

Strategic prayer for Pacific Lutheran University students, faculty, and staff. The local church and campus ministries together have a unique opportunity to bless PLU.

How to Use This Guide

- Pray one theme each day.
- Include first-year students, international students, and campus groups (Ignite, FCA, Young Life, InterVarsity).
- Walk the campus or pray from home.
- Record Scriptures, impressions, and answers.
- Use on a rolling four-week schedule throughout the fall semester.

Week 1 - God's Presence Draws Us Near

Focus: God's presence is our foundation. (Exodus 33:15)

- First-Year Students: Courage, community, open hearts (Joshua 1:9; Psalm 68:6)
- International Students: Welcome, safety, clear next steps (Leviticus 19:34; Acts 17:26-27)
- Ignite Student Leaders: Wisdom, compassion, spiritual strength (Colossians 1:28-29)
- Unity Among Campus Ministries: Serve side-by-side (John 17:21; Ephesians 4:3)
- Campus Awakening: Openness to God and His Word (Isaiah 64:1-2)
- Personal Surrender: Students and churches walking in step with the Spirit (Romans 12:1-2)
- Quick Connections: Students connect quickly to a local church and on-campus ministry (Psalm 84:10)

Week 2 - God's Presence in Every Season

Focus: Trusting God in joy and in silence. (Psalm 22:1; Matthew 28:20)

- Transitions: Peace for the lonely or homesick (Psalm 34:18)
- Stress & Mental Health: God's comfort amid academic pressure (Philippians 4:6-7)
- When God Feels Distant: Steadfast hearts (Hebrews 10:23)
- Meaningful Conversations: Spirit-led moments in dorms, classes, cafés (Acts 8:29-31)
- Cross-Cultural Friendships: Understanding and unity (Ephesians 2:13-14)
- Strength for Student Leaders: Endurance and joy (Galatians 6:9)
- Breakthrough Encounters with Jesus: Life-changing moments across campus (John 4:28-30)

Week 3 - God's Presence Through His People

Focus: Students live as God's dwelling place. (2 Corinthians 6:16)

- Courage to Speak: Clear, loving witness about Jesus (Acts 4:29-31)
- Faith-Building Friendships: Iron-sharpens-iron relationships (Proverbs 27:17)
- Integrity & Holiness: Distinct lives in thought, speech, and action (1 Peter 2:9)
- Hospitality: Open rooms, shared meals, generous hearts (Romans 12:13)
- Raising New Leaders: Students who disciple others (2 Timothy 2:2)
- Gospel Reach Beyond PLU: Seniors and grads sent well (Acts 1:8)
- Renewed Vision: Clear, Spirit-led strategy for every campus ministry (Habakkuk 2:2-3)

Week 4 - God's Presence as Encounter

Focus: God's presence breaks in with power, signs, and bold witness. (Acts 1:8)

- Boldness in Faith: Pray students live courageously for Jesus (Acts 4:29-31)
- Holy Spirit Encounters: Fresh fillings, dreams, and encounters (Joel 2:28-29)
- Opportunities to Witness: Open doors in conversations, classes, dorms (Colossians 4:3-4)
- Signs and Wonders: Healing and miracles (Mark 16:20)
- Freedom & Deliverance: Students freed from addiction, shame, fear (Luke 4:18-19)
- Joy in Evangelism: Natural, joy-filled sharing of faith (1 Thessalonians 1:5-6)
- Kingdom Breakthrough: Revival on campus (Acts 8:5-8)

PLU Snapshot (for Prayer)

- Enrollment: ~2,700 undergraduates; ~200 graduate students
- Residence Halls: Harstad, Hinderlie, Hong International, Kreidler, Ordal, Stuen, Pflueger, Tingelstad, South Hall (apartments)
- International Students From: Saudi Arabia, UAE, China, Vietnam, South Korea, Japan, India, Norway, Sweden, Germany, UK, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Mexico, Brazil, Canada
- Athletics: Basketball, Soccer, Track & Field, Cross Country, Baseball, Softball, Football (M), Volleyball (W), Swimming, Tennis, Golf
- Popular Majors: Nursing, Business, Education, Biology, Psychology, Communication, Computer Science, Kinesiology, Environmental Studies, Music, Political Science

Key Fall Dates (through November)

- International Student Arrival: August 27, 2025
- New Student Orientation: August 30 - September 3, 2025
- First Day of Classes: September 4, 2025
- Involvement Fair: September 5, 2025
- Family Weekend: October 11-12, 2025
- Midterms: October 20-24, 2025
- Thanksgiving Break: November 26-30, 2025