



**Invocation And Benediction For West Point Founders Day
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Invocation

Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, descend upon us and sanctify this gathering of your devoted sons and daughters.

Fill our beloved United States Military Academy with your Holy Spirit, that her teaching and learning may be of good things and noble and such as uphold the values and mission of West Point and our United States Army.

Inspire our United States Corps of Cadets with the spirit of modesty, the character of indomitable fortitude, the grandeur of intellectual and moral competence and the determination to win our nation's wars.

Unite the Long Gray Line then, now and always in the power of your love for all who serve without thought of self to protect that which is true and right and civilized.

Abandon not this beloved land of culture and ancient descent to mockery, hatred and beguilement.

Send Your Spirit now to be our Guest and may all Your gifts to us be blest.

Amen

Benediction

And now, may the Grace of our Lord and Friend and Savior, the Love of God, and the Uniting Power of their Holy Spirit dwell in us and live through us this moment and to Eternal Life.

Amen