

Invocation, Class Reunion

I would like, first, to thank you for this honor of leading you in prayer. As we gather for our 60th class reunion, I would ask each of you, each in your own way, to reflect with me, and in your own minds and hearts, blend your most solemn and best thoughts with mine, as I lead you in forming a collective prayer – a three part prayer containing remembrance, blessings and thanks.

We want first to remember in our prayer- remember those who are no longer with us – all our departed classmates, our family members and friends, and all who have helped to shape our lives and destinies over the years. We will always look back with love and cherish their sacred memories. We remember, too, our classmates and family members not with us tonight because of illness and health issues, and we pray for their quick recovery and well being.

And we seek blessings in our prayer, blessings upon this class gathering as we celebrate and cherish these 60 plus 4 years - 64 years of friendship and fondness, brotherhood, and a bonding of love that unites us in such a unique and special way as the West Point Class of 1957.

And we give thanks in our prayer. We give thanks for the bounty of this great nation, and the privilege and opportunities we have had to serve it. We give thanks for our lives and our families. We give thanks for the legacy of West Point and the honored place we have earned for the Class of 1957 in that Long Grey Line.

And so, for this privileged moment of prayer together with you, as we remembered, and we sought blessings and gave thanks, we offer together a collective and a grateful – Amen.