

## Community-Developed

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### **Youth > Adult Blessing**

- 1 Today is a day of celebration in our congregation. We are celebrating the transition our grade 12s are making into a new season of their lives. I would like to call them forward so that we can bless them with our love, prayers and of course a lovely gift chosen especially for them.
- 2 Each of you are an important part of our congregation, and today we want to acknowledge and celebrate your entrance into a new chapter in life.
- 1 The end of grade 12, and turning 18, are important milestones in our society. They mark both a time of ending and beginning. As a community of faith we want to affirm and encourage you as you continue to discover the life to which God calls you.
- 2 Today we want to offer our blessing and support for the years of discovery that lie ahead. We challenge you to go with God who offers us help and strength. We would like to pass on a verse of encouragement from the book of Joshua. God spoke these words to Joshua at a time when he needed reassurance that he was not alone in life: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)
- 1 As a symbol of our ongoing support and love, we want to give each of you a special box. We hope that this box, by holding "special stuff" you collect in this next season, will remind you of your special place in our lives. Wherever you go far or near, know that we hold you in our hearts.

*One describes the plans for each graduate while the other gifts them with their special box.*

## Prayer of Blessing

1 Loving God, we thank you for the relationships we share with our young adults. They have brought us much joy. As they walk into a new season of their lives we ask for your blessing to rest upon them.

Congregation We ask for your blessing of guidance

2 As they face new and sometimes difficult decisions

C We ask for your blessing of wisdom

1 As they discover more of whom you are calling them to be

C We ask for your blessing of courage

2 As they enter into new settings, new challenges and new friendships

C We ask for your blessing of presence

1 You are the God of blessings and we praise your name.

All Amen.