Sample Blessings from Parents to Graduates

The parents will give each graduate a personalized blanket and a private blessing written just for him or her. The blessing is not read aloud. Please seal them in an envelope and present them with the blanket during the service.

Blessings may be similar to the following:

Dear Sarah – We come this day, before God, to bless you and thank God for the gift you have been to us. You have given our lives a deeper meaning and a deeper purpose. Through you, we have come to understand the nature of God's love, joy and forgiveness. We thank God today for the gift that you have been to our lives. Wherever you go, you will always be a part of us. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Whatever you do, you will always have a place in our hearts. We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. May this blanket remind you of our love, the warmth of our family of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit. And on those nights when we cannot wrap you in our arms, may you wrap yourself in this blanket and know that in God's family you are never alone.

We love you, Mom and Dad

To Scott

A Blessing Blanket . . .

As you go out into the world, may this blanket be a reminder of our love for you and God's love for you. Wherever you go, when the night is cold and you feel alone, may it help you to remember that you are never alone. May God bless you and surround you with His angels to keep you safe. We thank God so often for the gift you have been to our family. You have give our lives a deeper meaning and deeper purpose. In raising you, we have come to understand the nature of God's love, joy and forgiveness. You've taught us so much. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Whatever you do, you will always be in our hearts. You will be in our prayers every day.

With Love, Mom and Dad

Other ideas or information to add:

- Special Bible verses you would like them to remember
- Home and work phone number and e-mails of the family
- A family picture or one that you treasure of them
- Notes from siblings or mentors (if you want to broaden this special time to include other family and friends)
- Handwritten on special paper for a keepsake
- A picture that relates to their relationship with the Lord
- A special prayer that you will be saying for them as they are away from home