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The Prayer Room at Dartmouth



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thess 5:16-18 ESV

News from the Prayer Room

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"My financial situation has changed and I don't know that I can continue to donate \$200/month this year, but if this will cause the prayer room to go into deficit, I'd like to try to help to see if anyone else can help!"

Wow! This recent message from a Dartmouth alum and generous partner to the Prayer Room both rocked us and blessed us. His willingness to reach out to others to help care for the needs of that sacred space so dear to us was an immense source of encouragement. Especially as it was the most recent installment of a series of similar messages from a few major donors. It seems that the pandemic has taken a toll on individuals, organizations, and churches that have faithfully helped us keep our doors open.



Yet, he was the only one to offer to go the extra mile to see if others would help! What a blessing! We have learned through this time the need to have many people prayerfully partnering with us on a regular basis rather than relying on a few.

His next comment was also a great comfort in this difficult season... "There are many alumni who have been so impacted by their time in the prayer room, and would love to see it continue as a space for current students to meet with God."

The question for those of us on the board was: *how many students are using the Prayer Room in the midst of the pandemic?*

Tanner, our current secretary, reported to us recently that he'd set out guest log sheets in the room and that in the month and a half between April 23 and June 7... *"people visited the Prayer Room 159 times to pray and worship in small groups.* Students are using the room and do not want it to pass into obscurity."

Again, WOW! We had our answer. A ton of students were gathering there to pray and intercede during this difficult time.

Tanner continued, "I know that things once again look a bit grim for the Prayer Room, but I want y'all to know that the students have not given up. I ask for your prayers as we work to keep the Prayer Room an open space for worship.

As a final piece of encouragement, I want to share with y'all what my dear friend and CU co-president Jacob Dell said: 'The feeling I get when I step into the Prayer Room is the same feeling as when I step into a cathedral.' I thought that was a great way of describing the peaceful atmosphere of this space and its significance to us."

That thought brought me (Kaylene) to tears as I remembered back to 2008 and the labor of love our students put in to make the Prayer Room a very special place to meet with God. From furniture to the boards to artwork (and my favorite - the trunk!), they made sure it was just the kind of space where hearts could be drawn towards worshiping the Lord and interceding for His children, the Dartmouth community and the world. We prayed over those rooms and asked God to fill them with His Spirit... and then wrote scripture on every wall before painting! It truly is a space set apart for God and His purposes – holy and sacred.

Finally, Tanner challenged the board... "The bottom line is this: The Prayer Room is a valuable space to dozens of current students, and holds importance for countless alumni. **The Prayer Room serves as an impactful blessing on Christian community at Dartmouth, due to its availability.** How can we keep it that way?"

May I ask you to prayerfully consider his question? How might you help keep the Prayer Room available to bless the Christian community at Dartmouth?

To those who have donated to the Prayer Room in the past, thank you! We are so very grateful. Would you consider making another donation at this time or even joining with our friend who has so generously given monthly to make sure that sacred space remains a place where students can meet with God?

Visit <http://www.prayerroomatdartmouth.com/> to invest in The Prayer Room today!

To those who are monthly partners, your faithful giving encourages us so! We truly appreciate you who prayerfully contribute what you can month after month to meet the needs of students and others in the Dartmouth community who are still gathering in the rooms set apart to meet with Jesus. If at this time you'd be in a position to increase your giving to help make up the losses we've sustained, we would be utterly grateful!

Praising God for how He has sustained the Prayer Room these last 12 years (13 in October!) and for how He will glorify Himself once again by bringing it through this "grim" season. He has been so faithful and He does not change. As my grandmother, a woman of strong faith, would often say when seeking to trust God in difficult circumstances, "I'm standing on expectation corner to see what the Lord will do."

Trusting God to once again bring us from grim to glorious!

Kaylene for the Prayer Room Board