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CHUNG CHI COLLEGE
THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

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Dear Graduates of the Class of 2024,

May I first congratulate you on your graduation. It is indeed an envious accomplishment to enter and have finished all the requirements of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and it is more so to be a student affiliated with Chung Chi College. As the College Chaplain and the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the College Graduation Ceremony, I wish you my very best as you embark on a new journey. May I share with you a moving prayer of a father for his son? This wonderful prayer is written by General Douglas MacArthur and the same prayer should be our wish too as your teachers.

A Father Prayer *by General Douglas MacArthur (May 1952)*

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee? and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

Then, I, his father, will dare to whisper, have not lived in vain.

Again we look forward to your coming back to visit with us in the days ahead.
May the Lord bless you!

Yours sincerely,

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