

Good evening and welcome. My name is Ashely Kresta and I've been given the honor of leading the invocation tonight. Please bow your heads and join me as we pray.

First and foremost, we would like to give thanks to You, our God, because all things we have are through You. Without You, we toil but in vain. As graduates, we would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to ask You to bless our educators, advisors, coaches and administrators who have led us to this point. Without their guidance, commitment, and love, many of us would not be here today. Also, please bless our parents. This achievement is just as much theirs as it is ours as they have travelled this path with us. We ask that You shower them with countless blessings just as they have showered us with endless love and support. Lest we forget, Lord thank You for all the friendships,

relationships and wonderful memories You have bestowed upon us during this journey. You have placed our friends and classmates in our lives and allowed them to help build us into the young adults we are today.

We ask that You, Lord, would bless each one of us individually tonight when we walk across this stage, that we may recognize what a special moment this is. This may mark the end of the High School experience for us as a class, but it is just the beginning of our future lives. No matter where we end up, we pray that we never forget the values and lessons learned here at our beloved Elgin High.

Also, after we conclude our journey here tonight and embark on our separate futures, we request Your guidance along the paths You have paved for us. Even though the paths may be dim, You will guide us for

“we walk by faith, and not by sight.” We ask that You give us the wisdom to recognize Your will and the strength to follow it. Because it is written in Philippians 4:13 “[We] can do all things through Christ who gives [us] strength.”

We humbly ask that you grant these prayers we lay before You. In Jesus’s name we pray.

Amen.