

Baltimore City College Class of 1965 50th Year Opening Prayer

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INVOCATION

Eternal, and Ever-Lasting Father,

Here we are assembled in this **William Donald Schaefer Auditorium** some **50** years after graduation. It was within these walls that our **Character** was shaped as we entered into **Manhood**. It was here that we gained **Knowledge** and **Marketable Skills** that prepared us for **Life's Ups and Downs!** God, many who started this **Journey** with us (**Professors, Coaches, Classmates** and **Teammates**) are no longer (**Physically**) with us.

We pray for their **Loved Ones, Legacy** and contributions to **Mankind**. We pray even now for our **Class Adviser, Joel Glasser**; who is unable to be with us today due to health issues.

I ask God that you **BLESS:**

- Our **Gathering**
- The **Reunion Committee Members** who have labored over a year preparing for this occasion
- Bless our remaining **Faculty Members** and **Coaches** who are assembled
- Bless the **Spouses, Friends, "Special Guests",** and **Leadership** of this Great Institution who have come.
- God, even Bless those who desired to come, but for whatever reason, were unable to do so.
- Grant us continued **Safety** and **Traveling Mercies** after we leave today.

We Thank you for a-**"Reasonable Portion"** of health, articulation of speech, and- in spite of the **Aging Process**, the movement and activities of our Limbs. For we know not what the next five years hold in store for us.

And---at the appointed time, I pray you Bless the **food**, and **hands** that prepared it, that we shall receive for the nourishment of our bodies.

Most importantly God, HELP us as we try to read our Name Badges in an attempt to IDENTIFY and RECOGNIZE each other!!!

Be pleased with what is said and done here today.

It is in the **NAME** -----**Above All Others** that I pray!

AMEN!

CITY FOREVER!