



## Veritas in Prayer Giving Thanks

Father God, as we enter into the Thanksgiving season, we want to thank you, a Father who delights in giving His children “every good and perfect gift.” (James 1:17) You have been an abundant provider to us, your children. The blessings we have received are too numerous to count, and we stand in awe of your provision. For years, we have enjoyed a beautiful campus where our children have grown in wisdom and stature, just as the century-old Oaks we have come to love at our AOC campus. We owe so much to You for the opportunity we have had of time and resources to be able to invest it at Veritas. From our teachers who have a breadth of knowledge of their subject to parents who are willing to share their time, talents, and resources with the students, we are tremendously grateful. From founders and board members who invest countless hours making radically difficult decisions without pay, to our office administrators who have had to bend and flex with facilities and schedules, we are so thankful for each one’s investment of time and vision for the future. Bless them all, Lord!

With such blessings, unfortunately, as is often the case, Lord, humanity often falls prey to pride. Rather than relying on the One who called us from humble beginnings, we quickly turn to self-reliance and pride, which will rot our once strong roots and ruin our divine potential. Father, we pray against an enemy who wants to incapacitate our future and thwart all that You have established through us. What once starts as a faithful seed dependent upon a Creator for all nourishment can, within a short time, become a flourishing Oak on the exterior with root rot in its very foundation. These once pillars of strength are no longer able to obtain nourishment from the foundation. We pray that this not be true of our body of Believers. We pray that we continue to get our spiritual nourishment from our foundation in Christ. We recognize that You are our source of strength. Any good that we offer comes from You. “...all our deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.” (Isaiah 64:6) We will not allow the blessing You have bestowed upon us to wither away because of pride.

Lord, you have demonstrated through history that you select unexpected people to demonstrate Your amazing power to orchestrate Your purposeful plan. We began this journey in humble beginnings. We desire to remain humble. Our heartfelt prayer is that You, Lord, will continue to work in us in a mighty way in this city, to demonstrate that with You all things are possible. (Philippians 4:13) This school cannot be replicated without You as the source. We desire to share this opportunity with those who recognize You as the divine Creator. Others have tried to copy our model and even logo, but they do not have You as the source of wisdom. Unlike an educational system that is dependent upon lawmakers, agendas, and no God, we are dependent upon you; we always have been; we always will be. It is with grateful hearts that we give you praise for being with us throughout our twelve and a half year history.

As our time at Austin Oaks draws near to an end, may we never forget where we have come from and where we have been. May our past richly determine our future-in humility. We are about to walk onto an amazingly beautiful piece of property that you allowed for us to enjoy. We recognize that it is all yours. May we continually be grateful to the ONE from whom all blessings flow. Amen! **Please express your gratitude to a teacher, administrator, board member or founder this week!**