

A 7-Day Graduation Reading Pack

For a graduate in the weeks around commencement, or as a gift from a parent.

Inspiring KJV scriptures for graduation ceremonies, cards, and new beginnings.

How to use this pack

- Read one page a day in the week before or after the ceremony.
- Answer in writing — this pack ages well.
- Parents: read it too, and swap day six.

The seven days

Day 1 — Plans and providence · Jeremiah 29:11

Day 2 — Gratitude · Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 3 — Courage for the next step · Joshua 1:9

Day 4 — Integrity early · Philippians 4:13

Day 5 — Work as worship · Isaiah 40:31

Day 6 — Staying rooted · Proverbs 16:3

Day 7 — A verse for the road · Ecclesiastes 3:1

Graduation marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. These King James Bible verses offer wisdom, encouragement, and hope for graduates stepping into their future. Whether you are writing a heartfelt graduation card, preparing a commencement speech, or looking for the perfect scripture to share with a young person embarking on a new journey, these verses remind us that God has a plan and purpose for every season of life.

Plans and providence

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

God's plans for your future

Devotion prompt

Jeremiah 29:11 was written to exiles, not graduates. What does it mean to trust God's plans when the next step is unclear?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Gratitude

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

Guidance for life's decisions

Devotion prompt

Name three people who got you here and have never been properly thanked. Thank one today.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Courage for the next step

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:9 (KJV)

Courage for new adventures

Devotion prompt

What are you most afraid of about what comes next? Write it, then write what God says about it.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Integrity early

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

Strength for any challenge

Devotion prompt

Character is set in the first years of work or study. What line will you not cross, decided now rather than under pressure?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Work as worship

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

Renewed strength for the journey

Devotion prompt

Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord. How does that change your view of an ordinary first job?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Staying rooted

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Proverbs 16:3 (KJV)

Dedicating your work to God

Devotion prompt

What will keep your faith alive when nobody is checking — a church, a friend, a habit? Choose it now.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

A verse for the road

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

Embracing new seasons

Devotion prompt

Write the verse you want to carry into this next chapter, and why it is that one.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

More verses for this season

Keep this page for cards, texts, and the days when you need different words.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Psalm 32:8 (KJV)

God's promise of guidance

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Proverbs 4:7 (KJV)

The supreme value of wisdom

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

The call to diligent study

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (KJV)

God works all things for good

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37:4-5 (KJV)

Trusting God with your dreams

A prayer for this season

Lord, thank you for finishing what I started. Give me courage for what I cannot see, integrity where nobody is watching, and a heart that stays close to you. Amen.

Practical ways to use these verses

- Jeremiah 29:11 is the classic graduation verse — perfect for cards and gifts
- Joshua 1:9 encourages courage in uncertainty and resonates with any graduate
- Proverbs 3:5-6 is perfect for decision-making seasons like choosing a career or college
- Use shorter verses like Philippians 4:13 or Proverbs 16:3 for graduation cards
- Isaiah 40:31 inspires perseverance for the long road ahead
- Proverbs 4:7 honors the value of education within a biblical framework
- Pair Romans 8:28 with Jeremiah 29:11 for a powerful commencement speech theme

Notes and prayer requests

Read the full collection, with every verse in context, at biblesundays.com/life-events/graduation-verses — free KJV verse collections, printables, and reading plans for every season of life. Free to print and share; please keep this page attached.