

**Sarum College Presentation Service 2016**  
**Concluding Prayers by Dr Barnabas Palfrey**

Father and Mother of love

we thank you with all our hearts for each of these students of our college who receive their awards today.

We share in their thankfulness and in their holy pride.

Remembering their labours that have brought them to today, we bless you, the giver of all things, as we present these, the first fruits of this place of learning, and of your Spirit here.

AMEN

Living Christ, in whose name we gather, hold these your friends in your hands.

And we lift in our memories to you also Joan Longley, and also Tony Palmer, who would have been here with his year cohort and whom we miss.

We join our prayers with theirs, and we lift their families to you.

Living Christ, bless these lives now released from study here to be students of your humanity as long as they shall live.

May they continue to bear much fruit in the years to come.

AMEN

Holy Wisdom of God,

In weeks when our country is torn by deep division, and when a woman of peace has been taken from our public life in an act of violence, we

pray for this college, and for all of us and our many communities.

May we seek peace and pursue in everything the healing of our lives with each other.

We pray that this college may continue to be a place of courage and encouragement, looking out from itself to the world around.

And we pray that we may all, in blessing Holy Wisdom, bless also our neighbours who are around us.

In Jesus' name

AMEN