Prayer of Farewell

Leader: God of our life’s journeys, we gather here to celebrate the goodness of these presidents and to ask Your blessing as they continue on the road of life. May the love that is in our hearts be a bond that unites us forever, wherever we may be. May the power of Your presence bless this moment of our leave-taking.

Response: We know that God goes with you.

Leader: As you journey onward, may you remember always that our love and appreciation for you are etched on our hearts.

Response: We know that God goes with you.

Leader: As you experience the pain of change and the insecurity of moving on, may you also experience the blessing of inner growth.

Response: We know that God goes with you.

Leader: As you meet the poor, the pained, the stranger on your way, may you see in each one the face of our Christ.

Response: We know that God goes with you.

Leader: As you walk through the good times and the hard times, may you never lose sight of the shelter of God’s loving arms.

Response: We know that God goes with you.

Leader: As you question your decisions and wonder about the fruits of your choices, may the peace of God reign in your heart.

Response: We know that God goes with you.

Leader: We praise and thank you, God of our journey, for our loved ones who are soon to leave. We entrust them to Your loving care, knowing that You are always the Faithful Traveler and Companion on our way. Shelter these loved ones of ours and protect them from all harm and all useless anxiety. May the future be a source of many enriching and transforming moments. Amen.