

## 21S09 Graduate Salute

1. Hello everyone. Thank you for joining me today at the PUNLA Coffee Table. Today I want to thank my students in the Philippines. Great job this year under extreme conditions.
2. I'm very proud of each of you. Your stories are very inspiring.
3. Today I want to tell all our graduating students, Congratulations!! You did it. This is a major life goal and you've done it. Praise God. I pray many blessing come your way as reward for your diligent efforts. Congratulations!
4. I want to read you part of Romans 8, it is worth reading all of this chapter as the Apostle Paul writes these amazing beautiful inspiring words. Let me read Romans 8:31-39 (NLT) **<sup>31</sup>What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?** <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. <sup>34</sup> Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. <sup>35</sup> Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <sup>36</sup> (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. <sup>38</sup> **And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.** Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, **neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow**—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.
5. God loves you. Don't forget that. Nothing will ever take away the love He has for you. You don't have to care what people say. You only need to satisfy one, your Lord and Savior.
6. I really like how Paul says it, "these wonderful things". "If God is for us, who can ever be against us". As it says in Verse 35, In this world you will face hardships, trials and troubles. God is still with you in every moment, in every pain. Trust Him and He will give you what you need to endure. The worst they can do is threaten you with heaven. That's not that bad. Momentary discomfort for eternal life in the family of Jesus.
7. Trust in Jesus no matter what you face now or in the future.
8. I'm going to put a link to a graduation talk by Denzel Washington. You may know him, he is a famous actor and Christian. He has two things you should do after graduation. First is "Put God first in everything" and Second is don't be afraid to "Fail Big". Be

different from the world. Be Thankful to God for everything. For what you have and have gotten in the past. And be thankful to God for the things you have not received yet. Be Thankful for everything, every time no matter your circumstances. Thank God and put Him first in everything. Amen

**Let's Pray.**

**Father God, Thank You for these amazing students. I love them dearly. I'm so proud of them and how You have helped them overcome these trials and troubles to reach this wonderful moment in their lives.**

**I pray they thank You for everything. That they may become a pleasing aroma to the world that leads back to You my God.**

**I pray that You guide them in the paths You want them to take. I know You have an amazing purpose for each of them. I can't wait to see You work in their lives and through them to reach and teach others about You**

**I pray this in your name, Jesus Amen**

Again, Students I'm so proud of all of you. My kids, I love you dearly.

Thank you for joining me for Students at the PUNLA Coffee Table. If you liked the message, please select like. And Please Subscribe to our channel. Leave comments here, or our website or mail me at [kip@punla.org](mailto:kip@punla.org). I appreciate your feedback.

Until next time at the PUNLA Coffee Table. God bless.

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