



A Prayer for World Teacher Day

Giver of all wisdom and greatest of all teachers,
Look upon our teachers with love
Grant them the resolve to nurture our eager minds
and to never give up on us who fall behind.
Bless their hearts for they rejoice
when we succeed and encourage us when we fail
And bless them with gentle patience
for the path of learning is never easy
Kindle a spirit and passion in them
it is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us
Help them see the potential in each student
Their belief in us means much more than the grade we make
Instill in them a commitment to keep on learning
It shows us to not fear new knowledge and experiences
Inspire them to touch the future
They influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves
Bless our teachers who have come before
For their work endures to this day
Let the light of your example shine upon all teachers
To build up with their words
To love with their mind
To share with their heart.
Amen



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Heavenly Father, we thank You for these men and women who lead our schools. We ask You, Father, that You would give them words filled with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that they may know how they should respond to the broken-hearted children, to a rebellious teen, a concerned parent, a discouraged teacher.

May their words be words that are helpful, for building others up according to their needs. We pray Father that you would give them a spirit, like eagle wings, to fearlessly soar across the paths of many with the message of God's love.

Father, we pray that You teach them to number their days and recognize how few they are; help them to spend them as they should.

Father, we pray that You fill them with your strength so that they can keep going no matter what... always full of joy of the Lord and always thankful.

We pray that they would be able to laugh at their mistakes and to accept criticism, but may the "spirit of criticism" never stop them from doing what is right.

Father, we pray that these men and women may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls them to their important positions.

Let each of these men and women be a "Collector". May they find time to walk through the halls of the school giving a hug or a reassuring smile to a child. Let them not be afraid to put their arms around someone or hold a hand, as if to say, "it will be okay". Father, let not the paperwork become so heavy as to crush their "spirit of giving".

And Father, forget them not; for they too are human. Send someone to cross their path to say a cheery "good morning...", that really means: "I'm glad you're here!" And a teacher or a child who would say, "guess what I did..." which really means "I'd like to share this with you because you're important to me."

But most important, send them a hand with a loving touch. Send them the hand that holds a pierced heart. Send them that hand that hugged small children, taught the wise and calmed the sea.

Send them, Father, the loving hand of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.