

A LITANY FOR TEACHERS

Here's a litany which can be incorporated into your teacher dedication service this fall.

- Pastor: Reading of 1 Corinthians 12:4-7.
- Congregation: We are grateful to God for those who have heard the call to teach and to lead in our Christian education program. We offer them our support, prayers, and gratitude.
- Teachers: We believe that children are a gift of God and a gift to the community. We believe that children depend upon adults for safety, security and nurture. To these ends we commit ourselves.
- Students: We are thankful for those teachers who love us enough to help us learn about our world and grow in our faith.
- Congregation: Bless, O Lord, the teachers of our children. Give them your strength and your peace that they may teach with conviction, imagination, love and patience.
- Teachers: We believe that all youth are a gift of God and a gift to the community. We believe that our youth look to us for support, guidance and direction on their journey toward adulthood and spiritual maturity.
- Students: We are thankful for those who instruct and encourage us week by week.
- Teachers: We believe that all adults are a gift of God and a gift to the community. We believe that Christian nurture and growth is an unending process and that learning is a lifelong adventure.
- Students: We are thankful for our teachers. Ground their lives in your life, center their wills in your will, and focus their spirits on your spirit, that they may teach with enthusiasm and conviction.
- Pastor: We thank you, gracious God, for all those who have stepped forward to teach in our church. Fill us all with your Spirit that, together, we will help to build up Christ's body in this place and in this time.