

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Teachers

As we enter into Teacher Appreciation Week,
We pause, with gratitude, to reflect
On all of the teachers who have influenced our lives.

We thank the teachers who patiently taught us to read.
The ones who persisted in teaching us
Addition and subtraction.
For those who taught us to think critically, write clearly,
And discern the questions
We should ask of ourselves and others.
The teachers who taught us in a way
That made our hearts come alive.

As we continue our sacred vocation as educators,
We pray that we might also inspire our students
To discover their talents and passions
And the unique ways that they can bring
Peace and justice into the world.

May we also recognize the honor and dignity in our work.
From early mornings prepping
To late nights at events or grading.
From difficult conversations with students
To “ah ha” moments that make it worthwhile.
We give thanks for this most holy vocation.

We pray for the continual guidance of Jesus,
The greatest teacher,
As we re-commit to this work each day.

Amen

