



Catholic Schools Week 2018

LEARN – SERVE- LEAD – SUCCEED

Prayer Service of Appreciation for our Teachers

“Teacher - What a beautiful name this is! Thank you for your dedication and your example. Thank you especially for teaching our children and our young people to pray.”

Pope Francis

Call to Prayer:

Catholic Schools Week 2018 concludes with the beautiful solemnity of the Presentation of Our Lord. Just as Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Savior and “Light”, today we wish to recognize and give thanks to each of our teachers for bringing the Light of Christ to all of us. Like the “sanctuary lamp” their goodness points us to God’s presence and nearness in our lives. As the candle melts to tiny embers, their constant selfless giving is a special blessing and a call to let our own “light shine” before all.

Hymn:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Verse 1

Antiphon:

”Let your light shine before all that they may see your good deeds and give glory to God.” Matthew 5:16

Please Pray in Unison:

Canticle of Mother Teresa

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go.
That my life may only be a radiance of Yours.



Shine through me, and be so in me
That every soul I come in contact with
May feel Your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine,
So to shine as to be a light to others;
The light, O Jesus will be all from You; none of it will be mine;
It will be You, shining on others through me.

Glory be to the Father. . .

(over)

Reading:

Philippians 1:3-7

(2)

“I thank my God whenever I think of You.”

Our Sung Response to the Reading will also be the Response to the Intercessions: *The Light of Christ has come into the World.* (2 times)

Intercessions:

We thank God for our teachers who illuminate our minds by guiding us to **LEARN**, as we pray. . .

We thank God for our teachers who ignite our hearts by inviting us to **SERVE**, as we pray. . .



We thank God for our teachers who fire our spirits by challenging us to **LEAD**, as we pray. . .

We thank God for our teachers, who radiate the love of Christ through their help and support, calling us to **SUCCEED** in this world and in the next, as we pray. . .

Our Father:

Closing Prayer:

Loving God, You inspired Simeon and Anna to be the first to bless and announce the mission of Your Son, Jesus. Thank you for each teacher in our school who also announces and witnesses to the Mission of Jesus everyday. May the light of Christ continue to enkindle in them the fire of Your love. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen

Blessing:

May the “Sanctuary Lamp” of your life remind us of the Divine Presence always brightening our souls with grace. Amen

Closing Hymn:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Verse 2

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