



## **Beatitudes of the Catholic School Teacher**

Blessed are the teachers who listen to their students, especially the ones with repeated questions, for they possess the ears of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers whose the needs of their students, especially the ones unrecognized by others, for they possess the eyes of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who speak kindly of their students, especially those without positive motivation, for they possess the mouth of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who gently touch their students, especially the ones who feel the sting of violence at home, for they possess the hands of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who think prayerfully of their students, especially those who don't know God, for they possess the mind of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers, who walk patiently with their students, especially the one lacking spiritual guidance, for they possess the feet of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers for persevere in their faith-sharing ministry, especially when their efforts seem in vain, for the possess the healing presence of Christ and theirs in the kingdom of heaven.

—Source Unknown

## **Closing Prayer**

**Leader:** Loving God,  
Let us take a moment to remember that you are always with us,  
That your love is wrapped around us.

You have sent us the gifts of understanding, wisdom and good counsel,  
May we use these gifts well today  
To discern the best ways to help our students to grow.  
Send your clarity and truth among us today  
so that we may more effectively do your will.

Creator God,  
In the work of our hands, our minds and our spirits  
May we constantly reflect the work of Your Reign.  
Grant us the courage  
To willingly embrace the mantle of servant,  
Knowing that as servants of God  
We will share in the fruits and joys  
Of Your Reign that is and that is to come.  
We ask this through the One who came to serve,  
Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

—Source Unknown



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## **Jesus as Teacher**



***“That is all that Jesus came  
to teach us:  
the tender love of God...”***

***-Mother Teresa***



## Opening Prayer

Blessing and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ, whose spirit moves freely among us, calling us forward to this time together. As Christian Educators let us remain ever mindful that we have taken on the privileged responsibility of proclaiming the Good News. May our conviction that real power resides in truth and love be made manifest in our efforts to live out our vocation. We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
**All:** Amen.

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** May the Spirit of God be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Look upon this group at prayer, Holy Ever-Present God, and see in us the face of your Anointed One—for we are the Body of Christ. Together we turn our faces, the Face of Christ, to you. And we know you look upon us with parental affection and unconditional love. Hear our prayers, receive our words, accept our longing.  
**All:** Blest be God forever.

## Meditation:

### The Teacher Came to Our School

The news arrived,  
 The Teacher was coming to our school.  
 We all had our say:

He will teach Industrial Arts  
 for He was a carpenter;

He will teach English  
 for He taught in parables;

He will teach Special Education  
 for He was always on the side of the underdog;

He will teach Science and Math  
 for He is the Master of the laws of nature;

He will teach in Arts  
 for He is the Lord of the Dance;

He will teach Family Studies  
 for He is the host of the Heavenly Banquet;

He will teach Modern Languages  
 for He understands every tongue;

He will teach Business  
 for His justice is sorely needed;

He will teach Phys Ed  
 for He has unbound strength;

He will teach Geography and History  
 for He has traveled every land and lived all of time;

He will teach Law  
 for He confounded the Scribes and the Pharisees;

He will teach Guidance  
 for He is the Light of the World;

He will be a Secretary  
 for He knows all our words;

He will be a Custodian  
 because He came to serve;



He will be an administrator  
 for He is the Master Teacher.

At last the Dean of Religion, knowingly said,

‘He undoubtedly will be in our department, for what greater vocation can there be than to teach love?’

But on the day the Teacher came,  
 He came to sit in a chair facing the board, late,  
 chewing gum and out of uniform.

—Les Miller

## Scripture Reading: John 13:12-17

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

