

Prayers  
For  
Special Occasions

## A Teacher's Prayer

#1

God grant me wisdom, creativity and love.

With wisdom, I can look to the future and see the effect that my teaching will have on these students and thus adapt my methods to fit the needs of each one.

With creativity, I can prepare new and interesting projects that can challenge my students and expand their minds to set higher goals and dream loftier dreams.

With love, I can praise my students for jobs well done and encourage them to get up and go on when they fall.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from Prayers for Marian Feasts and Marianist Days for Marianist Schools)

#2

Lord, let me be just what my students need.

If they need someone to trust, let me be trustworthy.

If they need sympathy, let me be sympathetic.

If they need love, let me love in full measure.

Let me not anger easily, Lord, but let me be just.

Permit my justice to be tempered in your mercy.

When I stand before them, Lord, let me look strong and good and honest and loving.

Help me to counsel the anxious, crack the covering of the shy, temper the rambunctious with a gentle attitude.

Permit me to teach only the truth.

Help me to inspire them so that learning will not cease at the classroom door.

Let the lessons they learn make their lives fruitful and happy.

And, Lord, let me bring them to You. Teach them through me to love you.

Permit me to learn the lessons they teach. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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## **Birthday Blessing— for those celebrating a birthday in your class**

May the sun always shine warmly on your face.  
May the hands of your family and friends always be near you.  
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you!

May there always be service in your life to keep the Word of God alive in your heart.  
And as you continue to live this blessed and wonderful life,  
May trouble always neglect you,  
May the angels always protect you  
And may heaven never forget you! Amen.  
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## **Prayer for a More Just World**

Loving God, move us to love in concrete ways as we seek a better future for all of your children. Open our eyes to the values of the social teaching of the Church; give us energy and courage to reject fatalism. Grant that we may be guided by Catholic Social Teaching so we may be part of creating the systems and structure of grace that will allow all human life to flourish. Nurture hope in our hearts, guide us forward and give us a sustained vision of a renewed human community in a renewed Creation. Amen.  
(Jane Deren, Education for Justice)

## **Prayer for Peace**

God of Love, you created us, and you call us to love as sisters and brothers. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our sister or brother. May our hearts be sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.  
(Pope Francis)

## **Prayer for a Deceased Member of the School Community**

# 1

Almighty God, hear our prayers for your son/daughter (name),  
whom You have called from this life to Yourself.  
Grant him/her light, happiness, and peace.  
Let him/her pass in safety through the gates of death  
and live forever with all Your saints in heaven.

Guard him/her from all harm and on  
that great day of resurrection raise him/her up with all your saints.  
Grant him/her eternal life in your kingdom.  
We ask this through Jesus our brother.  
May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the  
Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.  
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# 2

God of all mercies and God of consolation,  
You love us eternally and transform the shadows of death into the dawn of life.  
Look upon our grief; be our refuge and  
comfort so that our sadness and sorrow may turn into the light and peace of your presence.  
Into your hands, O God, we entrust (name).  
In this life, You embraced (name) with your tender love.  
Deliver him/her now from every evil and welcome him/her into eternal life.  
May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the  
Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.  
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### **Marianist Prayer for Ending Racism**

Holy Mary, to whom we have consecrated our lives, we join with you in prayer. We seek the  
grace and understanding to be converted from the sin of racism that has infected our society for  
so many years.

Help us not be in denial of the power systems that still give some privileges at the expense of  
others. Help us to use our power and influence in our communities, families, schools, parishes,  
and other institutions to assure appreciation and respect for all cultures.

We are grateful for our call to live and spread the community spirit in which the Body of Christ  
flourishes and celebrates various gifts and talents. Show us the steps we must take to counteract  
racism. We pray in the name of Jesus, and Mary, the model of radical hospitality. Amen.  
(University of Dayton)