



### Closing Prayer

Look to this day  
For it is life—the very life of life  
In its brief course lie all  
The realities and truths of existence  
The joy of growth  
The glory of action  
The splendor of beauty

For yesterday is already a memory  
And tomorrow is only a vision,  
But today well lived makes every  
yesterday a memory of happiness  
And every tomorrow a vision of  
hope—

Look well, therefore, to this day.

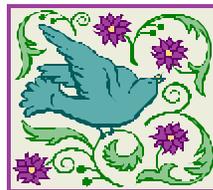
—Ancient Sanskrit Poem

### Final Blessing

As we come to the end of the school year, let  
us join together as we read the final blessing.

May the blessing of God go before you.  
May grace and peace abound.  
May the Holy spirit live within you.  
May love wrap you around.  
May the blessing remain with you always.  
May you walk on holy ground.  
Amen.

-M. T. Winter



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We  
Are  
Gifts...

...A Teachers' Year End Liturgy





## Scripture Reading

### Romans 12:6-8

So, we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.

If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have;

If it is to serve, we should serve;

If it is to teach, we should teach;

If it is to encourage others, we should do so.

Whoever shares with others should do it generously;

Whoever has authority should work hard;

Whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

We pray for the gift of wisdom. As Christian teachers, we ask our Lord to guide us in wisdom and understanding of each other, of our students and of ourselves.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**



We pray for the gift of rest. Energy and time have been both our enemy and our salvation. We ask for both these gifts over the summer months so that we can be nourished and fed by our life-giving presence.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

## Opening Prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for all your gifts to us: for making us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us to be Your people.

As we come to the end of the school year, we give You thanks for all the good things You have done for us.

We thank You for all who have shared in the work of our school this year, And we ask You to bless us all in Your love.



We offer this prayer, O God,  
Through Christ, our brother and our Lord.  
Amen

## Prayers of the Faithful

We pray for our world, both blessed and broken. May the work that we do contribute to recognition of its blessedness and ultimately to its healing.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **Personal Petitions**

*You are invited to share your personal petitions at this time...*



## Persons are Gifts

Share the reading Persons are Gifts with your staff.

(see appendix)

We pray for the gift of each other. Like a family, we rejoice, and like a family we squabble. May there always be an affection between us that only people who work together can understand.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

