

## **Education Sunday Bidding Prayers**

For all teachers. We give thanks for their dedication, patience and resilience. May they be inspired by Christ the teacher, to continue to accompany young people in their schools with gentleness and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

For leaders in education. We pray that through the example of Christ the servant leader, they may foster places of community, love and joy in their schools. In the words of Pope Francis, may they inspire others to become 'leaders of thought, leaders of action, leaders of joy, leaders of hope, leaders of the construction of a better world'.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

For all those who contribute to the running of schools; support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. During this year of St Joseph, Patron of Workers, we give thanks for their self-sacrificial diligence in supporting their school communities.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

For all pupils and students. We pray that they know they are beloved children of God. May they journey through nursery, school, college or university, supporting one another through life's joys and hardships. At the beginning of this academic year, may they be filled with courage and hope to face the new, exciting and challenging experiences ahead of them.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

For all those who do not have access to an education. May they know God's love in their lives. We pray that all members of society are drawn to promote the common good, where no one is excluded and everyone's potential, gifts and talents are recognised, nurtured and celebrated.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

For all parents and family members. May they recognise the importance of family as the foundation of society. We pray that all members of the family offer each other forgiveness, respect and kindness each day, demonstrating to their children what it means to love one another.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We offer these prayers and all our intercessions to Mary, Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom as we pray:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,**

**The Lord is with thee,**

**Blessed art thou amongst women,**

**And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus,**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

**Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

**Amen**

Celebrant: Loving God, hear these and all our prayers made through Christ our teacher and our Lord,

**Amen**