

Teacher Appreciation Day



Faith Seeking Understanding

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The last Friday in October is Teacher Appreciation Day in Australia. A day when we can give a special thankyou to our fabulous teachers. This year has been an exceptionally challenging year and I am sure many of us have an even greater appreciation for teachers than we may have had before. The challenges of Covid 19 restrictions have placed higher demands on teachers as they navigated their way through teaching students in a new way. Parents have also had to face the many unexpected and difficult challenges that came with their children learning from home. Well done and congratulations to you all for surviving this unexpected and unusually challenging time. I invite you to remember all our teachers this week, and especially on Friday, and join with me in praying this prayer:

Loving God,

This year on *Teacher Appreciation Day* we pray with gratitude for the wonderful gift that our teachers are to our community. We acknowledge their tireless efforts to nurture and care for our students and thank them for the hours of dedicated time they give to their vocation.

We pray that our teachers may share their faith with our students and instil in them a hope for a bright future. May the wisdom they share be a blessing to all they encounter, planting seeds that will continue to bear fruit well into the future.

Thank you God for all our staff, may they approach their tasks each day from a position of love and be an example of the loving kindness Jesus taught us.

May their lives be blessed.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our ultimate teacher.

Amen

