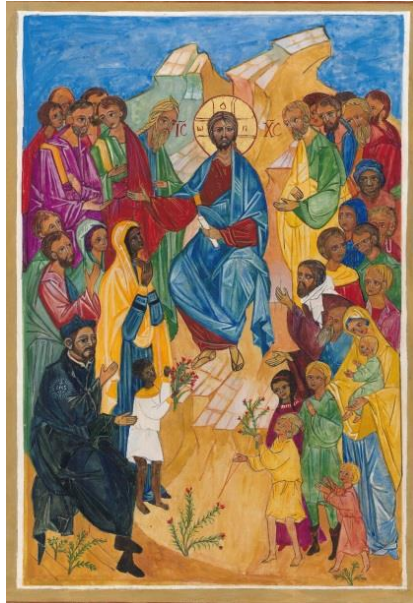

A Teacher's Prayer



Lord,
you have called me to teach
and you give me your son, Jesus the Teacher,
as my guide.
You send me to be your face and word
in my parish today,
to bring your message of faith, hope and love.

With my students
may I be always patient and understanding
and never resentful or despairing.

With my colleagues
may I be always generous and supportive
and never dismissive or hurtful.

With those entrusted to lead the parish may
I be always considerate and constructive
and never obstructive or difficult.

With myself
may I be always grateful for daily blessings
and never take things for granted.

With everyone I encounter today
may I be just in my actions
and forgiving with my words.
May I praise, not criticise;
encourage, not deter;

help, not hinder;
accompany, not direct;
and bring light and joy to those I meet.

May my lessons be truthful and inspiring
as they reveal the wonderful traces
of your presence in creation
and in the best of human kind.

May my classroom be a place of peace
and respect, discovery and learning,
where each person is given space
and encouragement to flourish,
growing to be the person you call them to be.

Give me energy, and faith and commitment,
especially when I am tired or despondent,
let down,
or wondering if my efforts are worthwhile.

Give me the wisdom
and strength of your Spirit,
today and each day,
that I may help
the souls committed to my care
for the common good
and for your greater glory.

Amen.
