



Litany of Mercy for Teachers

Jesus, Good Shepherd, show me your merciful gaze through the students whom I teach.
Shower your mercy on the students and their families, on all that they think and do and say.
In your great mercy strengthen, guide, protect and console us as we journey with you each day.

Master Teacher, I come before the throne of grace seeking mercy and I pray:

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
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Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.

For the times I failed to pray for my students	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I failed to prepare my lessons well	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I prepared or taught lessons without first asking for the Lord's guidance	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I failed to respect the dignity of the students as children of God	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I was impatient	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I was sarcastic	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I made a student feel small	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times when my words tore down rather than built up	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I hurt a student, parent, colleague with my words or actions	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I lacked a spirit of service	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the ways I put myself first	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I put myself before the students or the school community	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I felt entitled to my negative thoughts, words, and actions	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I lacked the courage to advocate for a student	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I used my authority wrongly	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I failed to assume the best about the students	R/. Lord, have mercy.
For the times I was critical of administration, students, parents, colleagues	R/. Lord, have mercy.

For the times I sought honor, praise, popularity, recognition, applause for myself rather than for your Kingdom.

R/. Lord, have mercy.

For the times I have lacked hope, been discouraged, or wanted to give up

R/. Lord, have mercy.

For the times I failed to remember that the goal of all my work as a teacher is to prepare students for eternity

R/. Lord, have mercy.

- Lord, grant me the grace** to be open to the charismatic grace of teaching.
- Lord, grant me the grace** to give the Holy Spirit the freedom to teach in and through me in ways I never planned or imagined.
- Lord, grant me the grace** to ask forgiveness from students, parents, and colleagues.
- Lord, grant me the grace** to grant forgiveness to students, parents, and colleagues.
- Lord, grant me the grace** to be understanding with students who struggle.
- Lord, grant me the grace** to notice when a student needs something that it is possible for me to provide.
- Lord, grant me the grace** to recognize your many gifts present in students, parents, colleagues.
- Lord, grant me the grace** to see others as you see them.
- Lord, grant me the grace** to be open to personal encounters with students, parents, colleagues.
- Lord, grant me the grace** to remember that the students' Angels behold the face of the Father.
- Lord, grant me the grace** to be merciful as you are merciful.

Let us pray: Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly. You are an eternal exchange of love and you have destined my students and me to share in this exchange. You have entrusted your precious ones to my care. Guide me to teach them as you would teach them. Help me to recognize and foster their gifts of nature and grace. Strengthen me when I am weary and discouraged. Send Your Mother Mary to inspire me to say “yes” as she did and to bring me peace as I strive to do your will with and for the students each day. Please grant me your mercy, now and at the hour of my death. Amen.