

## A Prayer for School Staff

Father, in this quiet moment, we pause to give thanks for all who have sought to serve. As hard as it is, to try and say thanks for all the combined hours that this group represents here tonight, we would try.

For those whose whole life was in the classroom, we give thanks.

For those special moments when a teacher went out of his/her way, to let a student know that their life was more important than books, we thank you.

For those who felt that a clean school was just an extension of who they were, we thank you.

For that bus driver who always believed that what they did, was something far greater than just driving kids to school, we thank you.

For those who worked behind the scenes, doing all the necessary, mundane stuff, we thank you.

For all who went to work every day believing that their investment in the life of a student would make a lasting difference, we thank you.

And now, Father, would you bless those who have served others. Some may need encouragement, some may need direction, some may need rest.

O God, whatever the need remind each one here of the words of the greatest teacher of all. "Cast all your cares upon Me, because I care for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

Thank you, Lord, for your care for each of us and may each of us know that care personally.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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\*(Extended version for those retiring on second page)

## A Prayer for Retiring School Staff

Father, in this quiet moment, we pause to give thanks for all who have sought to serve. As hard as it is, to try and say thanks for all the combined hours that this group represents here tonight, we would try.

For those whose whole life was in the classroom, we give thanks.

For those special moments when a teacher went out of his/her way, to let a student know that their life was more important than books, we thank you.

For those who felt that a clean school was just an extension of who they were, we thank you.

For that bus driver who always believed that what they did, was something far greater than just driving kids to school, we thank you.

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For all who went to work every day believing that their investment in the life of a student would make a lasting difference, we thank you.

And now, Father, would you bless those who have served others. Some may need encouragement, some may need direction, some may need rest.

O God, whatever the need remind each one here of the words of the greatest teacher of all. "Cast all your cares upon Me, because I care for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

Thank you, Lord, for your care for each of us and may each of us know that care personally.

Finally, Father, bless them during their retirement years. As they are given strength, may they continue to serve others with the same dedication that has brought them to this moment. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

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