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PRAYERS
OF A CHRISTIAN TEACHER (2)

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**MINISTER, AMBASSADOR,
CO-WORKER...**

Lord, our God,
You have reconciled us through Jesus Christ.
His passion and death
Earned salvation for all men.
You invite us to apply to ourselves
The riches of his saving grace.
It is by doing your will that we complete
The work of our salvation.

Jesus, you want us to play our part:
Your plan of salvation becomes complete
When we add our sufferings
To the torment of your cross:

*"I make up in my body
What is missing in the passion of Christ".*

I offer you my services.
I pray to you for my pupils
So that they do what is good
And unite their actions to yours,
Lord Jesus.

I am happy with the mission you have entrusted to me.
I wish to be your ambassador and your minister.
I offer you my hands, my words...
So that you can act through them.
Your Spirit is at work in me
Enlightening the hearts
Of children and young people.

It is not easy, Lord, to bear your message,
But I trust in your help to overcome difficulties,
For I do not seek my own glory,

Only to do your will:
You have the words of eternal life.

Lord, the branch bears fruit
If it is attached to the vine.
We educate
If we are united to you.
For it is you, Lord,
Who give strength and life
To all our efforts.
We ask you to enlighten our lives.
We ask you to make fruitful
The work that we do
In the hearts of children and young people
So that they too may bear fruit
By their love, their service and the good they do.

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**CO-WORKERS, SHEPHERDS,
TEACHERS...**

Lord,
You call upon us to plant and to water:
But you make growth possible.
Lord, you are the Good Shepherd,
Who cares for all the sheep,
Especially for those that are weak or go astray.
Teach me to love all the pupils,
Especially those who find it difficult to learn,
Those who misbehave,
Those who have problems at home...
It is you Lord who touch hearts.

Jesus, you prayed to your Father:
When you performed miracles,
At the close of each day's work,
When undertaking any important task in your life.
Teach us to pray, to trust in God, our Father.
Teach us to love children and young people:
You are the Good Master.

Lord,
Now, just as you did 2.000 years ago,
You choose us to be your co-workers.
You send us out as your ambassadors.
You want us to be your witnesses.
You call upon us to live like you.
We want to proclaim your beatitudes:
*"to be poor in spirit", "to be gentle",
"to be compassionate", "to be merciful".*
You give us the example.
You invite us to love others,
You invite us to pray without ceasing,
You invite us to forgive,
You invite us to do your Father's will.
Lord Jesus, ideal Master,
Teach us to be good Brothers and good teachers.
Show us how to teach
With tenderness and responsibility.

It is not easy
To be your minister and your ambassador.
It takes effort, idealism and determination.
We are here, Lord,
To proclaim your message and your Kingdom.
We are here, Lord,
To live according to your spirit
With children and young people,
We are here, Lord,
To love them all with optimism.
We are here, Lord,
So that you may act with us and through us.
You, Lord,
You give us life.
You make it possible for us to be Brothers, teachers.
You give us everything.
That is why we praise you and give you thanks.

We pray to you:
For the children and young people in our classes,
For their parents and the members of their family,
For the lay teachers who work at the school,
For ourselves, the De La Salle Brothers,
So that we may live like Jesus,
Be joyful and optimistic,
Make the world around us better,
Remain brave at difficult times,
Be your co-workers
For the salvation of the world.

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GUARDIAN ANGELS...

Lord,
You show special love to children.
"Let the little children come to me!"
You call upon us now
To be close to them,
To be their visible angels.
How good you are, Lord!
You send masters and teachers
To enlighten the minds of children
And to touch their hearts.
Count on us
To show them the right way
And explain the message of the Gospel to them!

Lord, thank you for the gift of faith.
Teach us to bear witness by our own example,
Since a Christian life shows itself by good works.
Children received faith at their baptism,
At home it continued to grow,
And in school they complete their learning:
– they are taught the maxims of the Gospel,
– they are put on the right road.
Help us to be good guardian angels
By our teaching and good example.
Children need teachers,
But we are above all witnesses to the Gospel:
We teach more by what we are
Than by what we say.

Lord,
life is hard and difficult,
There are many obstacles on the way.
We need your help and your support.
Children are weak in mind and body.
We want, Lord,
To lead them by the hand
Towards you. We are their guardian angels.
You remind us of your final message:
*"Go out into the whole world
And proclaim the Gospel!"*
The children are waiting for us.

Lord, give us the grace
To watch over the children you have entrusted to us.
Give us the strength to do your will.
We pray to you, Lord,
That children and young people
May grow to know you, Lord,
And love you with all their heart.
Preserve them, Lord, from evil and from sin,
And lead them along the road to salvation.

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