

## A Prayer of Thanks for all God's Children

Lord our God

We thank you that you made each one of us in your image and likeness,  
and that we are all your beloved children.

We pray for the children/students we teach.

We pray for children/students who ... make us smile;  
... challenge our way of thinking;  
... test our patience;  
... we find easy to like;  
... we find difficult to like;  
... are bright;  
... are hardworking;  
... find learning tough;  
... get on our nerves;  
... are a delight;  
... like to laugh;  
... always look sad;  
... always look lost;  
... talk all the time;  
... never say a word;  
... are easily overlooked;  
... are impossible to ignore;  
... remind us of ourselves when we were younger!

We thank you for all the children/students who have an impact on our lives  
and for the privilege of having an impact on their lives.

Lord, help us not to label those we teach or to fall into the trap of thinking we have  
got them sussed. Help us to be open to new revelations and the work of your Holy Spirit  
in each of their lives.

Lord, use those we teach to teach us. Help us to be Christ-like at all times;  
seeing each one with your eyes and valuing them with your heart of love.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus the teacher.

Amen