

We Thank You, God, For Teachers

We thank you, God, for teachers who help us learn your Way,
Who show by their example How we can serve and pray,
Who find great joy in worship, who listen with concern;
For in their loving witness, they help us want to learn.

We thank you, God, for children and older people, too,
Who value times of learning and want to grow in you,
Who seek your precious kingdom and wisdom from above;
For wise ones of all ages still seek to learn your love.

We thank you, God, for families of every kind and size,
Who keep the vows they spoke when their children were
baptized,
Who pray and read the Bible, who love and serve the poor;
They teach, by what they value, The way of Christ our Lord.

We thank you, God, for churches that welcome one and all,
That nurture every person in answer to Christ's call.
So fill us with your Spirit, and give us life anew,
That we may help each other live faithfully in you.

Tune: Johann Steurlein, 1575 ("We Come as Guests Invited") Alternate tune: ELLACOMBE, Gesangbuch der Herzoglich Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784 ("I Sing the Mighty Power of God"; "Hail To the Lord's Anointed") Text: Copyright © 1999 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved. Used with permission.